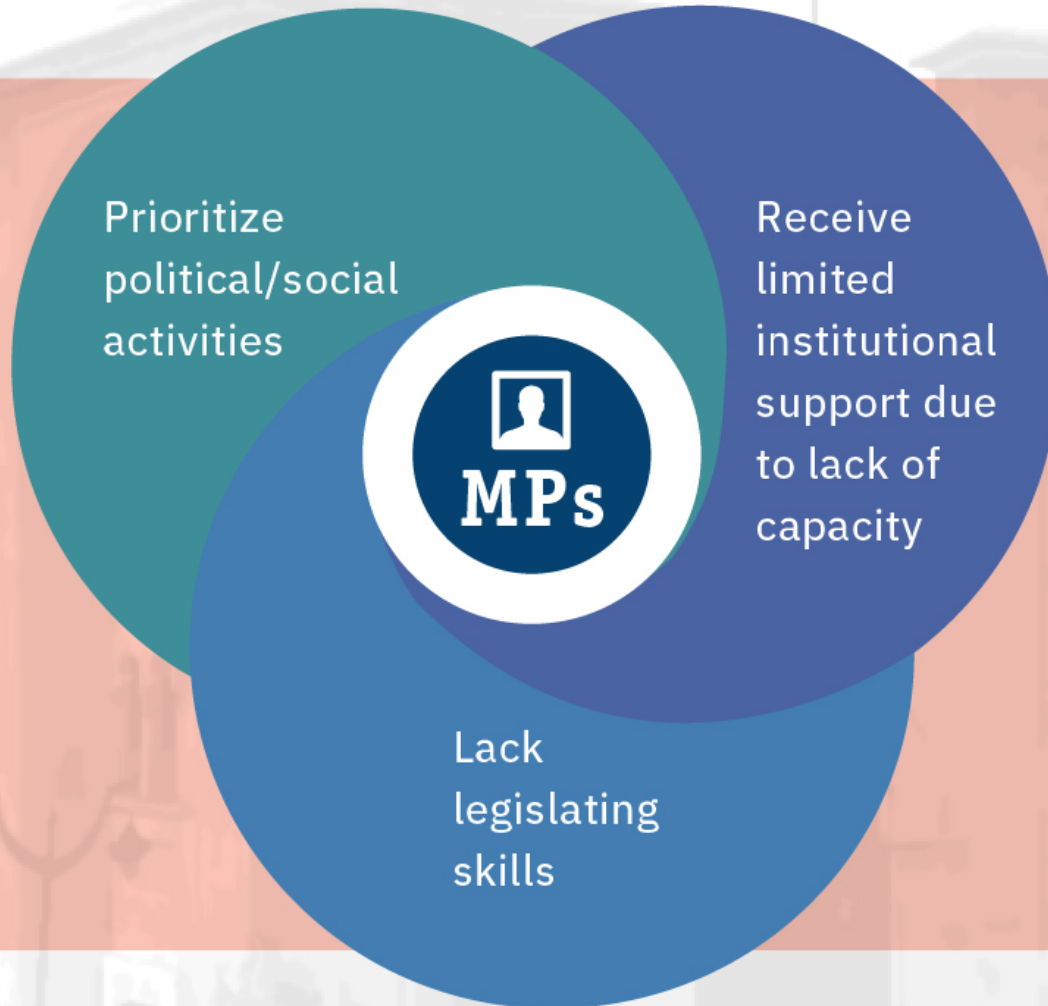


DEFICIENT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE



Source: LCPS, Sibai, 2023

PERFORMANCE OF THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT'S
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LCPS

WEAK OVERSIGHT



National unity government model impedes the creation of an opposing capable minority that is crucial for Parliament's oversight function



Absence of post-legislative scrutiny and oversight of the implementation of laws



Insufficient number of oversight sessions

Sources: LCPS, Sibai, 2023; Legal Agenda, 2021; Suleiman, 2006

OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Vote counting procedures in the General Assembly are often not respected

General Assembly voting records are not accessible to the public

General Assembly sessions are not always aired live

Committee meetings are confidential

Source: LCPS, Sibai, 2023

REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT



Women MPs in
Lebanese Parliament:
6.25%

MENA region: 17%
Global average: 26.6%

Lebanese MPs
45 years or younger:
17.16%

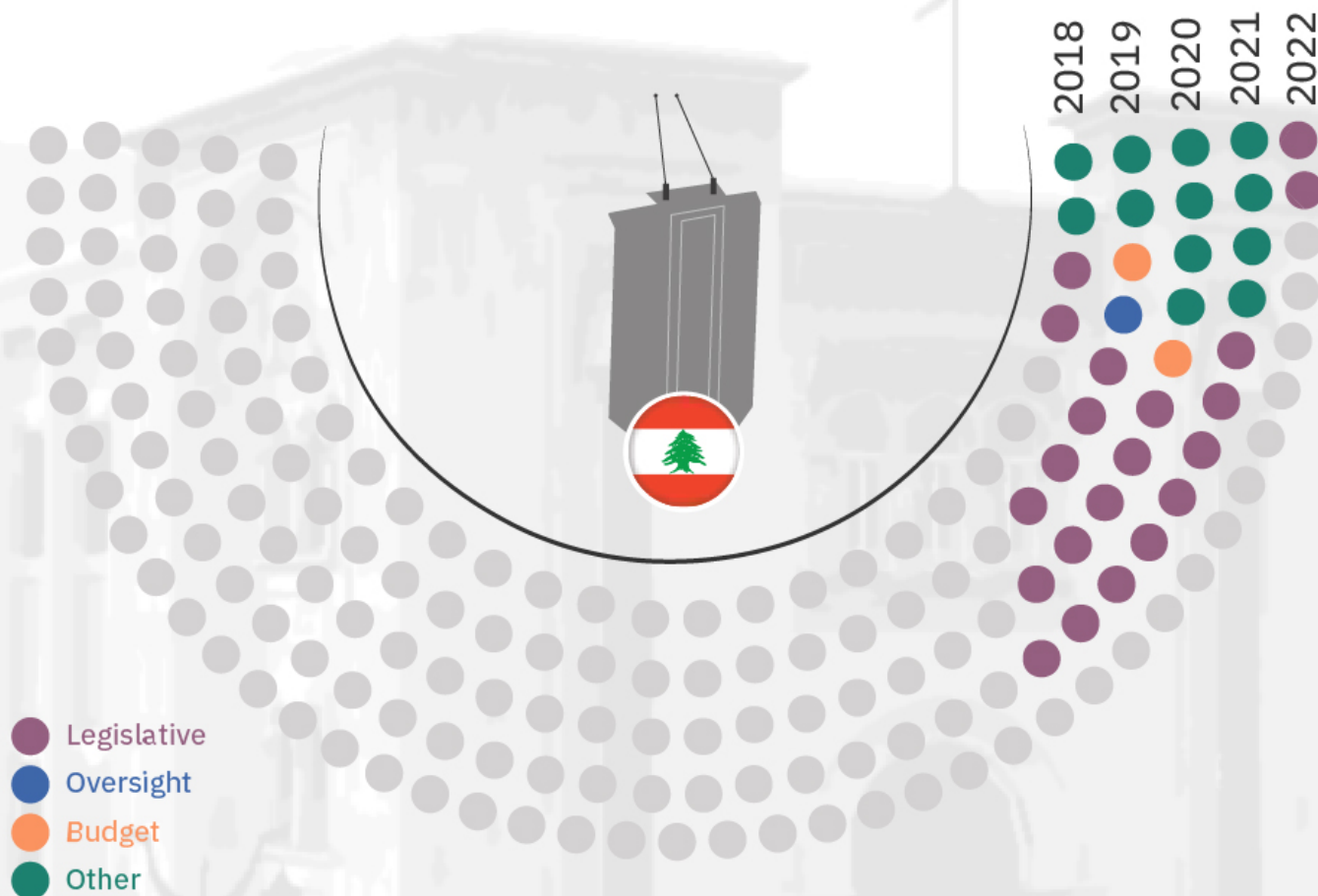
MENA region: 36.5%
Global average: 31.73%

Source: Parline IPU, 2023

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TOTAL NUMBER OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS BY TYPE



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Required oversight sessions	One	At least two	At least two	At least three	Zero

Sources: LCPS, Sibai, 2023; Legal Agenda, 2021

IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT PARLIAMENT FAILED TO ADDRESS



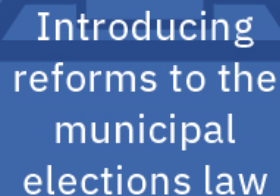
Strengthening the
public financial
management
framework



Effective
restructuring
of the financial
system



Independence
of judiciary law



Introducing
reforms to the
municipal
elections law

Source: LCPS

VIOLATIONS

Constitution

General Assembly's Voting Procedure

✗ VOTING BY A SHOW OF HANDS

“As for the laws in general, and when the issue of confidence is polled, the opinions are always expressed by roll-call, and audible.”
Article 36 of the Constitution

Rules of procedure

Preliminary Remarks by MPs During Plenary Sessions

✗ DENYING MPS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS

“Each deputy has the right to comment on the subject within three minutes, provided that the specified period [of 30 min] is not exceeded.”
Article 64 of the rules of procedure

Preparations for Plenary Sessions

✗ FAILURE TO SHARE AGENDA AND DRAFT LAWS WITH MPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

“The session's agenda and the drafts of law proposals should be shared with MPs at least 24 hours before the session.”
Article 8 of the rules of procedure

Setting Agenda for Plenary Sessions

✗ AGENDA SETTING SEEMS TO BE ARBITRARY AND DISREGARDS THE FORMAL PROCESS

“Draft laws should be included in the agenda according to the order in which they are received by the bureau, with priority to urgent proposals.”
Article 42 of the rules of procedure

Source: LCPS, Sibai, 2023



SIGNIFICANT LEGAL REFORMS BY LEBANON'S PARLIAMENT DURING ITS 23RD TERM

Law No. 83/2018

Whistleblower Protection Law

Law No. 84/2018

Enhancing Transparency in the Petroleum Sector

Law No. 105/2018

Law on Missing and Forcibly Disappeared Persons

Law No. 175/2020

Law on Combating Corruption in the Public Sector and Establishing the National Anti-Corruption Commission

Law No. 189/2020

Law on Asset and Interest Declaration and Punishment of Illicit Enrichment

Law No. 204/2020

Amending Law No. 293/2014 on the Protection of Women and Other Family Members from Domestic Violence

Law No. 205/2020

Law Criminalizing Sexual Harassment and Rehabilitating Its Victims

Law No. 244/2021

Public Procurement Law

Source: LCPS