**Questionnaire for the Parline Database:**

# **Annual activities of parliament: 2018 and 2019**

## About this questionnaire

At the start of each year, the IPU collects factual data from all parliaments on their annual activities during the previous year(s). This data is published in the [Parline](https://data.ipu.org/) database on national parliaments (<https://data.ipu.org/>).

This questionnaire seeks to collect data for the years 2018 and 2019. It is composed of 15 questions. We expect that the questionnaire should take around 2 hours to complete, depending on how easily available the information is.

Parliaments are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire by **31 July 2020**. The preferred method is to complete the questionnaire [online here](https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90238510/2018-2019-Annual-Activities-of-parliament). Alternatively, parliaments may complete the questionnaire in Word and return it to parline@ipu.org

This questionnaire has been sent to the Parline Correspondent in each parliament, with copy to the parliament’s IPU Group. Parliaments that have not yet designated a Parline Correspondent are requested to do so at the earliest opportunity. More information about Parline Correspondents is available at <https://data.ipu.org/content/parliaments>.

For all questions, please contact **Ms. Addie Erwin** at parline@ipu.org.

## Notes

Most of the questions are applicable for the entire parliament, whether unicameral or bicameral. Where relevant, separate spaces are provides for data from each chamber in a bicameral parliament.

Please provide data for the calendar year (1 January to 31 December), whenever possible. If it is not possible to provide data for the calendar year, please specify the reference period (for example, 1 April to 31 March) in the Notes field at the end of the questionnaire.

Any other supporting information can also be provided in this Notes field. If the supporting information refers to a specific question, please indicate the question number.

## About Parline

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For more information about Parline, please visit the “[About](https://data.ipu.org/content/about-open-data-platform)” page or contact parline@ipu.org.

## Identification

**Country:**

**Date:**

*Please provide contact details for the person that we can contact for further details for clarifications.*

**Name:**

**Job title:**

**E-mail:**

**Telephone:**

**Are you the Parline Correspondent for your parliament/chamber?**

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

## Questions

1. **Were there any amendments to the Constitution or the electoral law affecting the structure of your parliament in 2018-2019?**

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If* ***yes****, please provide details (e.g. structural changes, name change for chamber, date change(s) took place etc.)*

1. **Were there any amendments to the Constitution or the electoral law affecting the statutory number of members in your parliament in 2018-2019?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If* ***yes****, please provide details (e.g. previous number of members, new number of members, date change(s) took place etc.)*

***For each of the following years:***

1. **How many laws were adopted by Parliament?**

2018:

2019:

1. **How many times did the Head of State decline to give assent to legislation passed by Parliament?**

[ ] *If the Head of State cannot decline to give assent to legislation, please check this box and move on to the next question.*

2018:

2019:

1. **How many times did the Executive use a procedure to introduce emergency legislation into Parliament?**

[ ]  *If there is no procedure for introducing emergency legislation, please check this box and move on to the next question.*

2018:

2019:

1. **What was the State budget?**

*Reference date: 31 December of that year*

2018:

2019:

**Please indicate the currency:**

1. **What was Parliament's budget?**

*Please provide an overall figure for the Parliament.*

*For bicameral parliaments: where applicable, please also provide the budget for the lower and upper chambers.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Parliament | Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |  |

1. **How many permanent staff were employed by parliament?**

*Please provide the number of full time equivalent (FTE) positions.
Please provide an overall figure for the Parliament.*

*For bicameral parliaments: where applicable, please also provide the number of permanent staff employed by the lower and upper chambers*

*Reference date: 31 December of that year*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Parliament | Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |  |

1. **What was the basic annual salary of parliamentarians?**

*Please provide the basic annual salary, not including allowances.*

*Please indicate the gross amount before tax.*

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **How many written questions were submitted to the Executive?**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **How many written questions were answered by the Executive?**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **How many parliamentary inquiries[[1]](#footnote-1) were carried out?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **On what date did the Executive submit the draft budget to Parliament, and on what date did Parliament adopt the budget?**

*Please use the date format DD/MM/YYYY.*

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Budget submitted | Budget Adopted |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **How many days did parliament meet in plenary?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

1. **How many parliamentary groups were there?**

*Reference date: 31 December of that year*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unicameral parliament or Lower chamber | Upper chamber |
| 2018 |  |  |
| 2019 |  |  |

**Notes**

*Please provide any supporting information that is relevant to the answers provided.*

*Where appropriate, please specify the number of the question to which the note applies.*

1. The aims and objectives of parliamentary inquiries cover a large spectrum: from a general examination of an issue of public interest to an investigative inquiry into a specific topic, the results of which may have penal implications. See page 39 of IPU (2007) “Tools for Parliamentary Oversight” which further describes parliamentary inquiries, <http://archive.ipu.org/PDF/publications/oversight08-e.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)