

Republic of Lebanon
Ministry of Finance

Fiscal Performance Report for September 2001

Overall fiscal performance - budgetary and treasury operations

Total expenditures (budgetary and treasury) for the period January- September 2001 amounted to LL 6,278 billion compared to LL 7,251 billion for the same period last year, indicating a decrease of LL 973 billion. Total revenues for the same period of 2001 amounted to LL 3,371 billion, indicating a decrease of LL 262 billion over the corresponding period of 2000, which had amounted to LL 3,633 billion. The total deficit for the period January- September 2001 amounted to LL 2,907 billion, equivalent to 46.30% of total expenditures, compared to a deficit of LL 3,618 billion or 49.89% of total expenditures for the same period last year representing an decrease of LL 711 billion. The total primary surplus for the period January – September amounted to LL 343 billion compared to a total primary deficit of LL 637 billion in the corresponding period in 2000.

Budget operations

The budget deficit for the period January – September 2001 amounted to LL 2,401 billion, equivalent to 43.59% of budget expenditures compared to a budget deficit of LL 2,537 billion, equivalent to 43.80% of budget expenditures in the same period last year indicating a decrease of LL135 billion. A primary surplus of LL 849 billion was attained during the period January – September 2001 compared to LL 444 billion in the same period last year.

Out of total budget revenues for this period, customs revenues amounted to LL 1,149 billion compared to LL 1,333 billion for the same period last year (a decrease of LL 184 billion), despite the decreases in the custom tariffs, thus indicating growth in external trade activity during the first nine months of 2001 compared to the same period in 2000.

Treasury operations

The deficit resulting from treasury operations for the period January- September 2001 amounted to LL 506 billion, equivalent to 65.74% of treasury expenditures, compared to a deficit of LL 1,081 billion or 74.08 % of treasury expenditures for the same period last year.

Note:

Budget revenues and expenditures are not equally distributed among the months of the year. Therefore, upon the execution of the budget, revenue and expenditure figures from both the budget and treasury accounts will differ among the months of the year and with it the deficit ratio and amount.

Summary of Fiscal Performance September 2000-2001

(In million of L.L.)

	Sept-00	Sept-01	Jan-Sept 00	Jan-Sept 01	Change	% Change
1. Budget Transactions						
1.1 Revenues	385,118	328,039	3,255,082	3,107,902	-147,180	-4.52%
1.1.1 Tax Revenues	238,640	225,112	2,317,032	2,153,044	-163,988	-7.08%
<i>of which customs revenues*</i>	148,523	135,712	1,333,139	1,148,929	-184,210	-13.82%
1.1.2 Non-Tax Revenues	146,478	102,927	938,050	954,858	16,808	1.79%
1.2 Expenditures	697,941	606,792	5,791,681	5,509,177	-282,504	-4.88%
1.2.1 Expenditures excluding debt service	335,071	210,066	2,811,296	2,259,247	-552,049	-19.64%
1.2.2 Debt Service	362,870	396,726	2,980,385	3,249,930	269,545	9.04%
1.2.1.1 Domestic Debt	297,739	202,400	2,585,366	2,487,495	-97,871	-3.79%
1.2.1.2 Foreign Debt	65,131	194,326	395,019	762,435	367,416	93.01%
Budget Total Deficit/Surplus	-312,823	-278,753	-2,536,599	-2,401,275	135,324	
In % of total budget expenditures	-44.82%	-45.94%	-43.80%	-43.59%		
Budget Primary Deficit/Surplus	50,047	117,973	443,786	848,655	404,869	
In % of total budget expenditures	7.17%	19.44%	7.66%	15.40%		
2. Treasury Transactions						
2.1 Receipts	62,188	40,546	378,246	263,454	-114,792	
2.1.1 Trust accounts / guarantees	8,060	5,914	81,226	49,560	-31,666	
2.1.2 Municipalities	28,726	26,405	146,306	124,300	-22,006	
2.1.3 Deposits	6,027	4,048	39,832	49,951	10,119	
2.1.4 Other	19,375	4,179	110,882	39,643	-71,239	
2.2 Payments	153,740	143,014	1,459,259	769,010	-690,249	
2.2.1 Trust accounts/Guarantees	87,656	24,471	417,740	290,732	-127,008	
2.2.2 Municipalities	48,481	60,513	237,970	74,845	-163,125	
2.2.3 Deposits	6,547	7,831	72,168	82,777	10,609	
2.2.4 Expenditures from previous years appropriations	526	143	210,618	51,894	-158,724	
2.2.5 Expenditures from previous years/Guarantees	7,320	19,255	324,558	133,453	-191,105	
2.2.6 Other	3,210	30,801	196,205	135,309	-60,896	
Total Treasury Deficit/Surplus	-91,552	-102,468	-1,081,013	-505,556	575,457	
In % of total treasury expenditure	-59.55%	-71.65%	-74.08%	-65.74%		
3. Total Budget and Treasury Receipts	447,306	368,585	3,633,328	3,371,356	-261,972	-7.21%
4. Total Cash Budget and Treasury Payments	851,681	749,806	7,250,940	6,278,187	-972,753	-13.42%
5. Total Cash Deficit/Surplus	-404,375	-381,221	-3,617,612	-2,906,831	710,781	
In % of Total Expenditures	-47.48%	-50.84%	-49.89%	-46.30%		
6. Total Primary Deficit/Surplus	-41,505	15,505	-637,227	343,099	980,326	
In % of total expenditures	-4.87%	2.07%	-8.79%	5.46%		

* Receipts from excise taxes are included within customs revenues for comparative reasons