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- 1150 demands cited by MPs during discussion, 46% of these demands were service based.
- 490,422 voters gave the motion a vote of confidence through their representatives in the House.
- 30% of MPs voting were inconsistent with what they stated in their interventions.
- 56% of MPs touched upon the issue of curriculum amendments.
- 5 electoral districts gave the motion a vote of confidence through their representatives in the house.
- There was inconsistent voting behavior from MPs on the same electoral lists.
- Al Eslah bloc gave the motion a vote of no confidence, and Al Adala bloc the highest number of votes of confidence for the motion.

RASSED monitored MP performance of the 18th Parliament during the ministerial statement presented by Dr. Hani Al Molqi. 84 MPs voted for the motion, while 40 voted a motion of no confidence. 4 MPs declined to vote, 1 was not present, and Atif Al Tarawneh, the Speaker of the House, does not vote. MPs stated 1150 demands through 5 days of discussions.

RASSED's monitoring showed that MPs of 5 electoral districts voted unanimously for the motion of confidence. These districts were: Irbid First and Second districts, Ajloun, Ma'an, and Bedouins of the North district. 490,422 voters were represented by MPs in the vote for the motion of confidence, and 272,045 were represented by their MPs in the vote of no confidence. Those who did not vote represented 19,405 voters.

RASSED monitored MP voting patterns within electoral lists, where votes on confidence were not consistent within the same list. 8 out of 24 electoral lists voted inconsistently. RASSED also tracked the voting behavior of first time MPs, with 65% of new MPs voting for a motion of confidence, and 31% for a motion of no confidence. 51% of partisan MPs gave the motion a vote of confidence.

## **RASSED Report on the 18<sup>th</sup> Parliament's Discussions on the Ministerial Statement**

It was noted that Al Eslah bloc votes were consistent, voting “Nay” unanimously, and Al Adala came second in terms consistent voting, with 86% of its members voting “Yay” and only 14% voting “Nay”. The Watan bloc’s members voted 80% for confidence, 10% for no confidence, and 10% declined to vote at all. Al Tajded voted 78% on confidence, 17% for no confidence, and 5% declined. Al Democrateye bloc voted 69% on confidence, 25% for no confidence, and there was a no-show by one of its members. 31% of independent MPs voted on confidence, and 69% voted no confidence, with zero declining.

It worth mentioning that RASSED’s monitoring included conductive qualitative analysis on MP demands during their interventions. 48% of these were national demands, and 46% were service-based demands on the local level. Only 6% of demands related to foreign policy. Among new MPs, 45% were national demands, 54% service-based demands on the local level, and 1% on foreign policy.

The majority of Partisan MP Demands were national, at 58%, and only 40% were service-based demands on the local level.

After analyzing 35 indicators, RASSED found that 80% of MP interventions cited administrative issues, 71% were on education issues in general, and 56% of the overall interventions were about the curriculums amendments in specific. Only 9% of interventions commented on minimum wage rates, 6% on tax evasion and solutions to the issue, and 1% on the Gulf grants and mechanism of spending.

RASSED’s team worked on measuring the compatibility of MP interventions and their voting behavior during the ministerial statement discussion through key sentences MPs referred to. These references contain direct signs to their positions on voting for confidence.

30% of MPs referred to phrases that indicated their intentions to vote for no confidence but voted on confidence. Analysis also showed that 36% of MPs had voting behavior consistent with the key sentences

used in their interventions. RASSED was unable to measure compatibility of 34% of MPs in the same regards. Below are some of the contradicting statement and key phrases of MPs who voted on confidence:

- 1-“The statement which does not break new ground but paying the majority of MPs to take a nap until the speech is over”
- 2-“We do not accept empty promises, we do not accept to be deceived, we only hear vague promised”
- 3-“This Government proposed a reform program, but it needs the Gulf countries budget to be implemented, so the government is not being realistic”
- 4-“The ministerial statement is only a revised version of prior government strategies and policies that was never destined to see the light”
- 5-“What the Statement cited needs perhaps another 50 years to be achieved”

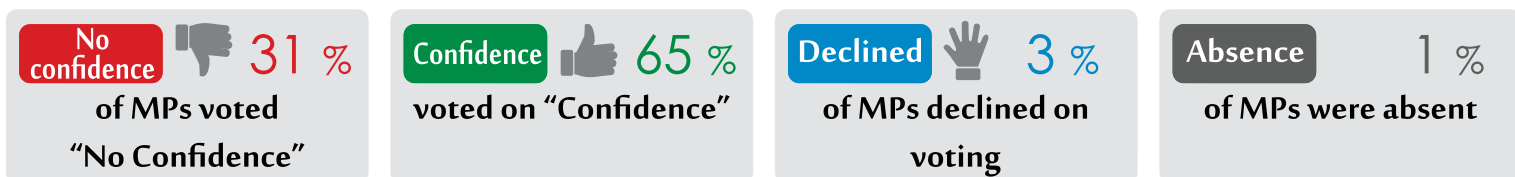
Based on the qualitative and quantitative analyses conducted by RASSED on the 18th Parliament's performance during the ministerial statement discussion, RASSED concluded put together a body of recommendations, such as that the executive authorities should be more transparent in the ministerial statement from the importance of enhancing the transparency between citizens and legislative institute, and to include a clear timetable for the action plans. Additionally, executive authorities must empower the integration of roles between the three institutions, especially the legislative authorities, in way that does not violate the Jordanian Constitution or the principle of separation of powers.

Furthermore, the House of Representatives should promote the work of blocs in line with citizen's aspirations and Securities discussion of His Majesty King Abdulla II. MPs needs to abide by the ministerial statement contents upon discussion and avoid service based demands especially that the budget speech will be presented next Wednesday. Finally MPs to abide with the discussion of budget speech with financial overview contribution and provide recommendation to the financial committee they deem appropriate.

## Members of Parliament Voting Behaviors 18<sup>th</sup> Parliament First Ordinary Session

### Voting rates of members of the 18<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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### Rates of harmony between MPs interventions and voting behavior



### Voting rates for new MPs

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### Voting rates for Partisan MPs

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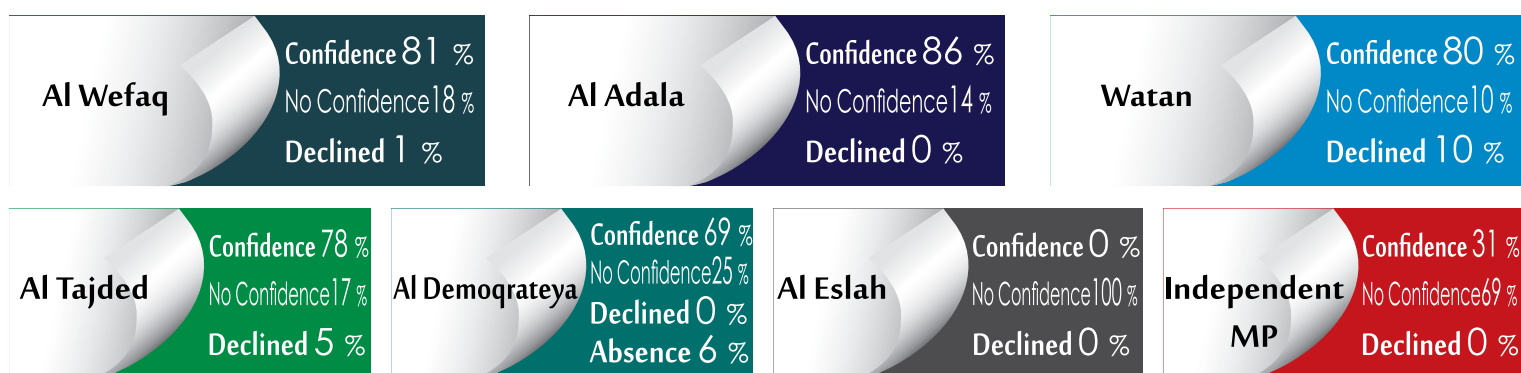


### Rates of harmony between Partisan MPs interventions and voting behavior



### Voting rates of Parliamentary Blocs during confidence sessions

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Amman First

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 60 % No Confidence 40 % Declined 0 %

Amman Third

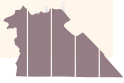
ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 29 % No Confidence 71 % Declined 0 %

Amman Fifth

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 71 % No Confidence 29 % Declined 0 %

Irbid First

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 100 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 0 %

Irbid Third

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 75 % No Confidence 25 % Declined 0 %

Zarqa First

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 22 % No Confidence 78 % Declined 0 %

Ajloun

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 100 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 0 %

Balqa

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 54.5 % No Confidence 45.5 % Declined 0 %

Madaba

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 80 % No Confidence 20 % Declined 0 %

Tafila

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 80 % No Confidence 20 % Declined 0 %

Aqaba

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 50 % No Confidence 50 % Declined 0 %

Bedouins of the Middle

ثقة ... نزاهة ... شفافة ... عادلة



Confidence 75 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 25 %

Amman Second



Confidence 67 % No Confidence 33 % Declined 0 %

Amman Fourth



Confidence 75 % No Confidence 25 % Declined 0 %

Irbid Second



Confidence 100 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 0 %

Irbid Fourth



Confidence 80 % No Confidence 20 % Declined 0 %

Zarqa Second



Confidence 25 % No Confidence 75 % Declined 0 %

Jerash



Confidence 60 % No Confidence 40 % Declined 0 %

Mafraq



Confidence 80 % No Confidence 20 % Declined 0 %

Karak



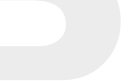
Confidence 40 % No Confidence 40 % Declined 20 %

Ma'an



Confidence 100 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 0 %

Bedouins of the North



Confidence 100 % No Confidence 0 % Declined 0 %

Bedouins of the South



Confidence 50 % No Confidence 25 % Declined 25 %

## Aspects members of parliament included during the ministerial statement discussions 18<sup>th</sup> Parliament first ordinary session

80 % Administrative Issues

69 % Foreign Policy

56 % Curriculums Amendments

48 % National Debt

45 % Health Issues

41 % Subsidies Removal

34 % Tourism

33 % Refugees Burdens

28 % Energy and Mineral Resources

26 % Security Services and Armed Forces Support

23 % Supporting Investment

22 % Local Administration  
(Decentralization and Municipalities)

19 % Palestine Issue

18 % Civil Society Organizations

14 % Agriculture Sector

10 % Human Rights

9 % Minimum Waged

1 % Gulf Gran and Spending

Education

71 %

Countering Corruption

56 %

Gas Agreement

48 %

Financial Issues

45 %

Transportation and Infrastructure Network

43 %

Unemployment

35 %

Countering Terrorism and Radicalization

33 %

Poverty

33 %

Public Freedom

26 %

Countering Drugs

25 %

Foreign Policy and International Agreements

22 %

Supporting Youth

22 %

Environment and Natural Resources

19 %

Women

16 %

Sports

12 %

Water Sector

10 %

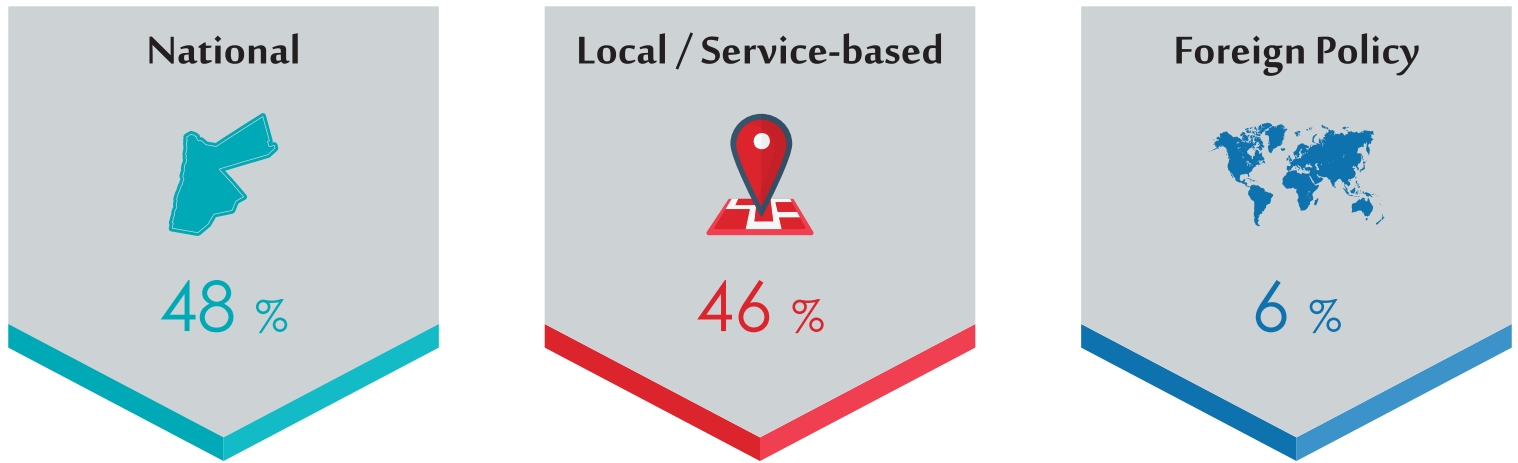
Tax Evasion

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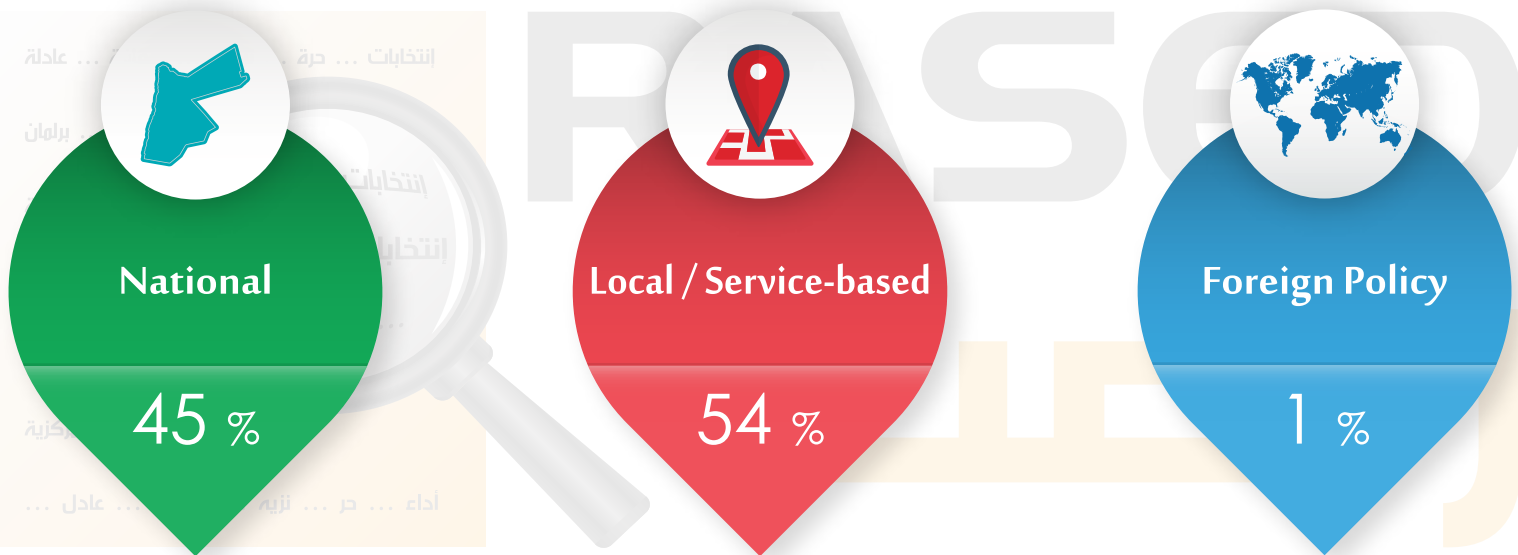
**Analysis of Demands Provided by 18<sup>th</sup> Parliament MPs Interventions**

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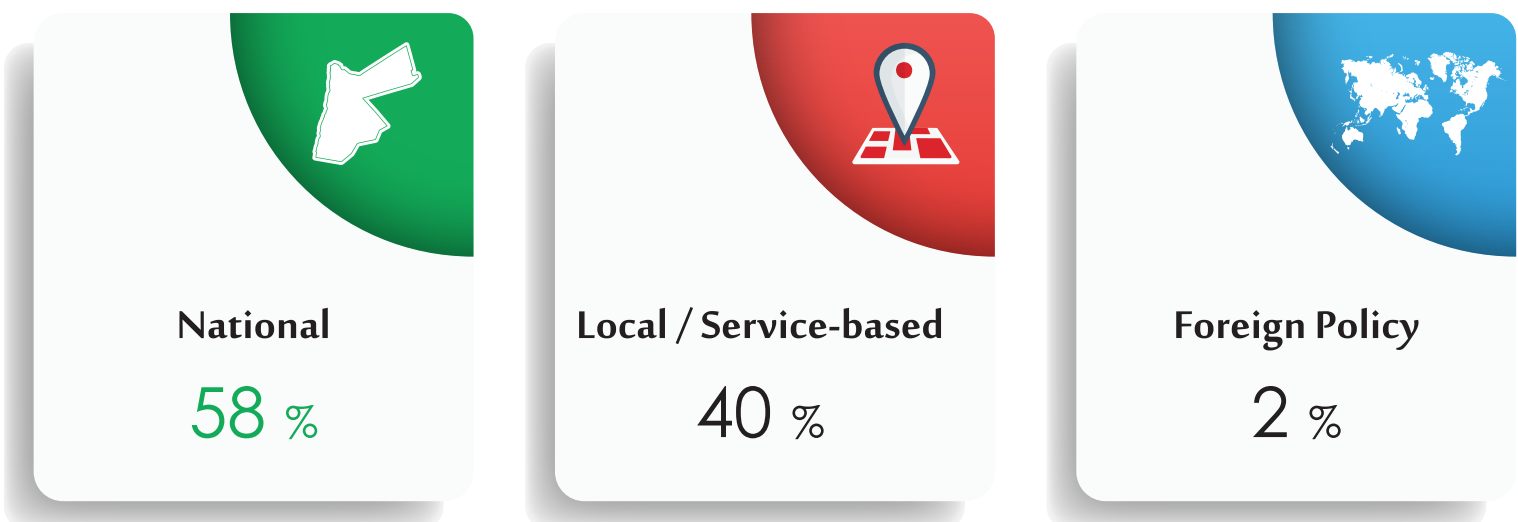
**Analysis of Demands Provided by New MPs**

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**Analysis of Demands Provided by Partisan MPs**

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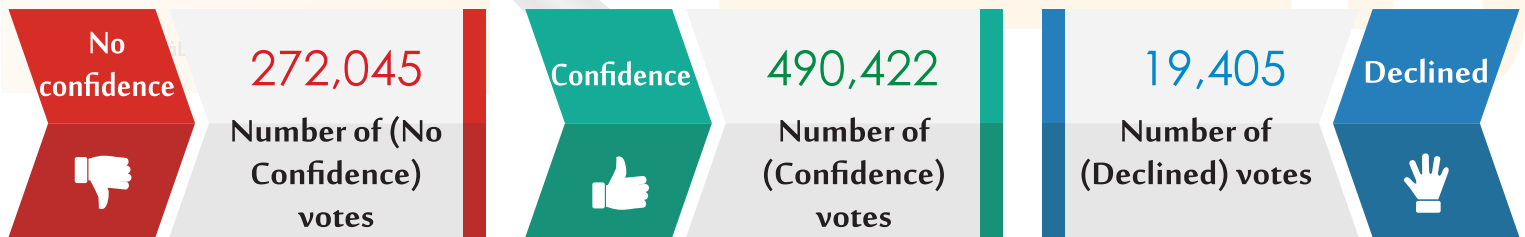
### Comparison of Voting Rates on Confidence Between Hani Al Molqi and Abdulla Al Nsour Governments



### Voting Behaviors of MPs Who Received The Highest Votes as Individuals Within Their Electoral Districts



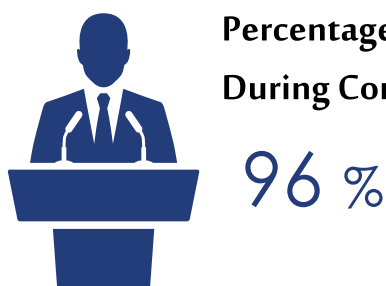
### Total Votes Granted by MPs Participated in Confidence Voting



### Consistency of Voting Behavior of MPs Within the Same Electoral List



### Percentage of Speaker MPs During Confidence Sessions



### Classification of Speaker MPs During Confidence Sessions

