



PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

FAFEN PARLIAMENT MONITOR 19th SESSION

June 14–24, 2016

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANP	Awami National Party
CM	Chief Minister
JI	Jamaat-e-Islami
PML-N	Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz
JUI-F	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam
PO	Points of Order
PPPP	Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
QWP-S	Qoumi Wattan Party - Sherpao

KP BUDGET SESSION MARKED BY LOW INTEREST OF LAWMAKERS

■ 75% lawmakers remain inactive during budget debate

The 19th session of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Assembly was marked by the passage of the Finance Bill 2016 amid low interest of lawmakers in budget debate as well as proceedings of the House, says the Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN).

Ninety-two members (75% of the current membership – 123) did not contribute to the budget debate. Twenty-one of them were female legislators while 71 were male lawmakers. Ten female lawmakers were from PTI followed by JUI-F (3), PML-N and QWP-S (2 each) and one each of AJIP, ANP, JI and PPPP. Similarly, of the 71 male members not participating in budget debate, 37 belonged to PTI followed by JUI-F and PML-N (8 each), QWP-S (7), AJIP (4), JI (3), ANP (2), PPPP (1) and an Independent lawmaker.

Of the 31 members who took part in the budget debate, one was female and 30 male. The only female lawmaker from PML-N debated the budget for 15 minutes whereas male lawmakers debated it for 659 minutes. Eight of the male members participating in budget debate were from PTI followed by JUI-F (6), PML-N (5), PPPP (4), JI (3), ANP (2), QWP (one) and an Independent lawmaker.

Passed Bill:

THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCE BILL, 2016

Introduced on June 14, 2016 - Sitting 1
Passed on June 22, 2016 - Sitting 6

Minister for Finance presented the annual budget 2016-2017 as well as the

supplementary budget statement for the year 2015-2016 during the first sitting. He took 104 minutes to present the budget. The Leader of the Opposition opened the Budget debate in the second sitting and spoke for 52 minutes.

The House passed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Bill, 2016 during 6th sitting and several treasury members

Methodology:

FAFEN observes lawmakers' participation against three categories; members who only submit agenda on the Orders of the Day, those who only debate it and members who both submit agenda and take part in the on-floor discussion. Overall, the representatives of almost all parties in KP Assembly participated in the proceedings of the House as 44 members (36% of the current membership – 123) participated in the session. Seventy-nine (64%) lawmakers were such who did not participate in either way.

Lawmakers generally participate in proportion to their party strengths in the House. More members of PML-N (12 of 16) participated in the session followed by PTI (10 of 55), JUI-F (9 of 17), PPPP (4 of 6), ANP (3 of 5), JI (3 of 7), QWP-S (1 of 10), AJIP (1 of 5) and Independent lawmakers (1 of 2).

Forty-one percent (41 of 101) male lawmakers and fourteen percent (3 of 22) female legislators participated in the session.

Resolution Adopted

KP Assembly MPs' remuneration should be at par with lawmakers of Balochistan Assembly

left the House when the resolution was being moved to pass the Finance Bill. Their absence

The House witnessed exchange of heated arguments during 5th sitting between Provincial Minister for Health and a PTI lawmaker over a cut motion. Due to their in-fight, the Chair had to suspend this particular sitting without transaction of entire agenda.

A resolution to bring members' remuneration at par with Balochistan Assembly was adopted by the House which was sponsored by JUI-F lawmaker.

The House witnessed two walkouts – one joint and other individual – and one protest by entire Opposition. The entire opposition protested for 104 minutes on floor of the House during Budget speech of the Finance Minister. PTI lawmakers jointly walked out of the House for one minute against the unscheduled load-shedding in the provinces while a PTI lawmaker walked out of the House for 20 minutes against the attitude of the Chair who did not allow him to debate provincial budget.

was also noted by the Chief Minister who announced to initiate an enquiry against them.

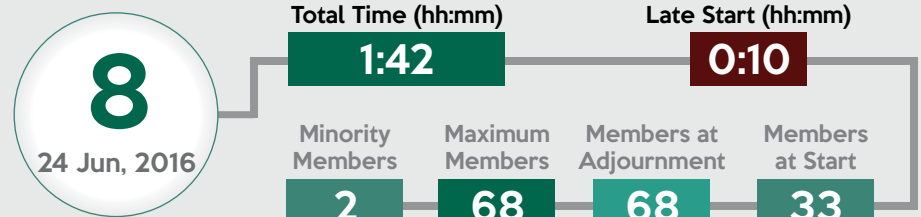
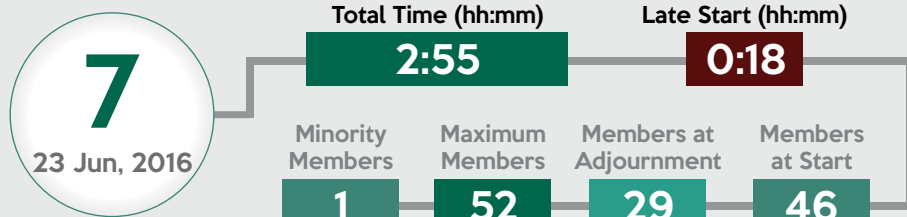
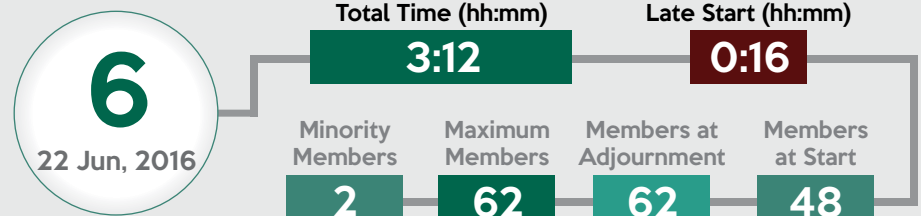
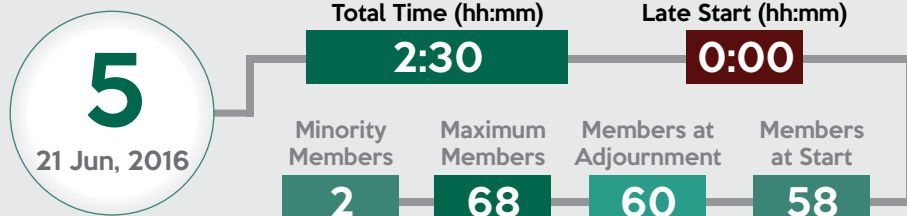
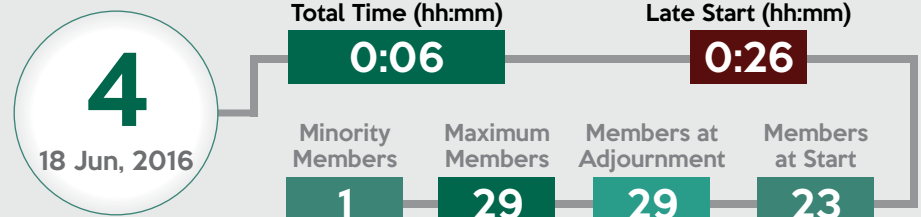
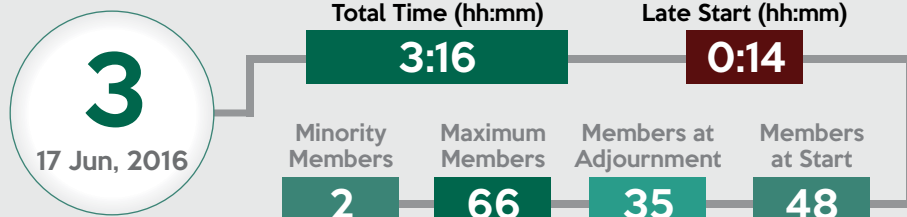
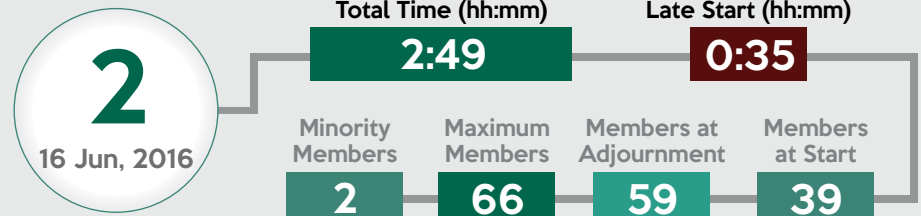
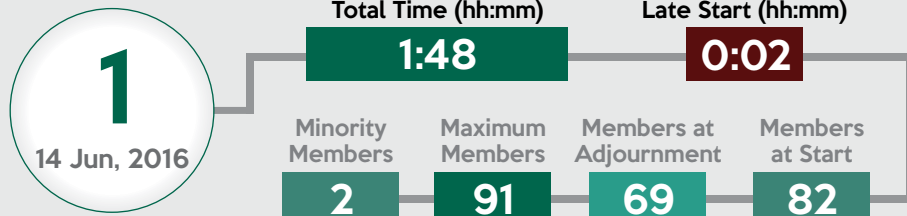
The House approved 59 demands for grants for the year 2016-17 and rejected 953 cut motions on them while 50 supplementary demands for grants for the year 2015-16 were approved by setting aside 292 cut motions on them.

The session, comprising eight sittings, started on June 14 and ended on June 24. On average, each sitting started 15 minutes behind the schedule and lasted two hours and 17 minutes with 47 lawmakers (38%) present at the start and 51 (41%) at the time of adjournment.

The Chief Minister attended seven sittings for 69% of the proceedings' time. The Leader of the Opposition attended six sittings for 77% of the proceedings' time while the Finance Minister was present in entire proceedings' time of eight sittings. The Speaker chaired 98% of the session while the remaining time (2%) was consumed in a break. The Deputy Speaker remained present in seven sittings but she did not preside over any sitting. Among parliamentary leaders, the QWP-S leader attended eight sittings followed by JI and ANP (7 each), PML-N (4) and PPPP (one).

Only two points of order were raised in the session consuming only two minutes. The quorum was pointed out twice during the session. During the 3rd sitting, PPPP lawmaker pointed the quorum but it was found complete upon counting while the 4th sitting had to be adjourned due to lack of quorum pointed out by a PTI lawmaker.

SITTING DATE, DURATION AND ATTENDANCE



KEY MEMBERS ATTENDANCE



SPEAKER

Sittings Attended
8

Presided Time (hh:mm)
18:00



DEPUTY SPEAKER

Sittings Attended
7

Presided Time (hh:mm)
0:00



CHIEF MINISTER

Sittings Attended
7

Attended Time (hh:mm)
12:35



LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Sittings Attended
6

Attended Time (hh:mm)
14:02

The Panel of Chairpersons and Finance Minister attended all eight sittings

PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS ATTENDANCE



Sikandar Hayat Khan



QWP-S

attended

8

sittings



Sardar Hussain Babak



ANP

attended

7

sittings



Inayat Ullah



JI

attended

7

sittings



Sardar Aurangzeb



PML-N

attended

4

sittings



Muhammad Ali Shah



PPP

attended

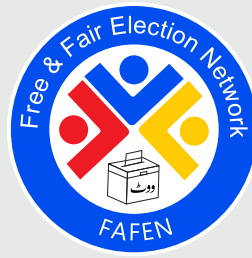
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