



Sierra Leone: Parliamentary Performance Tracker- Vol 3

This edition of IGR's Parliamentary Tracker provides an analysis of the performance of 146 MPs in the fifth parliament (2018 to 2023) in the area of attendance, oversight, and scrutiny of the executive. Our aim of tracking the last parliament¹ is to distil lessons which can inform the work of the current parliament to make legislative scrutiny and oversight more effective. This tracker therefore draws on data available on the Parliamentary website, as well as studies conducted by IGR, Afrobarometer and other sources, to develop an index on the performance of former MPs.



PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

In total, the fifth Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone held 277 sittings in the last five years. This means, that between 2018 and 2023, each MP had 277 sessions to represent his/her constituents, contribute to debates and hold the executive to account. The 33 standing committees of Parliament also held hundreds of meetings that were not tracked by this report.² Due to scanty data on MP's role in international assignments that are largely attended by the leadership group including the Speaker and party leaders, this tracker does not reflect the overall performance of the nine leaders. We present six results all pointing to areas citizens would like the current parliament to improve on.

- 1) The 2022 Open Parliament Index³ ranked Sierra Leone among the three highest performers on transparency and public accountability in West Africa. However, poor attendance of sessions and oversight meetings was a major concern. A little over half of MPs (74 MPs) did not attend 40% of the 277 sessions (see table 2). The most frequent attendees were Hon William L Joseph (78%); Hon Bai Sama Kamara (76%) and Hon Neneh Lebbie (75%).
- 2) 40 MPs spoke only one or two times in all 277 sittings or did not speak at all. (See table 2)

¹ In the recent election in June 2023, Sierra Leone switched from the First-Pass-The-Post to a District Block Proportional Representation system.

² IGR established a Parliamentary Monitoring Programme in 2020. This 2023, our goal is to expand the programme to include tracking and publishing committee attendance and deliberations.

³ https://www.parliament.gov.sl/uploads/press_release/pdf/ACC%20ACKNOWLEDGES%20PARLIAMENT%20FOR%20ITS%20SCORE%20ON%20THE%20AFRICAN%20OPEN%20PARLIAMENT%20INDEX%202022%20-%2026th%20JULY,%202022.pdf

- 3) In the area of representation, large majorities of Sierra Leoneans think MPs were “not very effective” or “not at all effective” at listening to their constituents and representing their needs in Parliament (75%); or are doing a poor job of holding the president and government accountable (48%); and making laws for the good of the country (49%) (Afrobarometer 2020)⁴. While almost eight in 10 citizens (78%) want MPs to visit their constituencies at least once a year, only half as many (40%) say MPs do so.
- 4) Public trust became lowest towards the end of the life of the parliament. By July 2022, only 34% of citizens said they trusted their MPs a lot or somewhat (Afrobarometer 2022). The highest driver of mistrust was citizens perceptions of corruption. Parliament (49%) ranked high, second only to the police (79%) among institutions whose members were perceived to be most or all corrupt.
- 5) Citizens also had major concerns around oversight and scrutiny of executive spending and accountability. Less than 35% of recommendations of the Auditor General’s report were implemented or enforced by the 33 Committees of parliament. (IGR – Audit Tears).
- 6) In spite of these concerns, 52% of former MPs were re-elected under the PR system to the current parliament, the highest retention rate since 2002. Bo (82%) and Pujehun (80%) recorded the highest retention rates while Kambia (17%) and Kono (33%) had the lowest retention. (See table 2).

Table 1: Number of MPs Re-elected by District

District	Number of seats in 2018	NEW MPs	Number of Old MPs re-elected	% of MPs re-elected
Kailahun	10	2	8	80%
Kenema	11	6	5	45%
Kono	9	6	3	33%
Bo	11	2	9	82%
Bonthe	4	3	2	50%
Moyamba	6	3	3	50%
Pujehun	6	2	4	67%
Bombali	8	3	5	63%
Falaba	4	2	2	50%
Koinadugu	4	2	2	50%
Tonkolili	10	6	4	40%
Kambia	6	5	1	17%
Karene	5	2	3	60%
Port Loko	10	6	4	40%
Western Rural	8	6	3	38%
Western Urban	20	8	10	50%
Paramount Chiefs	14	6	8	43%
Total	146	70	76	52%

⁴ <http://igrsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/News-release-Sierra-Leoneans-give-MPs-low-marks-15sept20-1.pdf>

Table 2: Overall Performance of MPs – 2018 - 2023

No	Name	Party	Total Attendance	Percentage Attendance	NO OF DEBATES	RE-ELECTED	GENDER
81	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	SLPP	215	78%	56	Re-elected	M
60	Hon. Bai Sama Kamara	NGC	211	76%	1	x	M
86	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	SLPP	208	75%	21	Re-elected	F
142	Hon. PC Bai S.S. Gberah	PORT	205	74%	0	Re-elected	M
71	Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara	APC	203	73%	2	x	M
102	Hon. Alex Mattia Rogers	SLPP	203	73%	10	Re-elected	M
144	Hon. PC Sheriff A. Badara	BONT	203	73%	3	x	M
50	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay	APC	202	73%	119	x	M
84	Hon. Joseph A.B. Kamara	SLPP	202	73%	10	Re-elected	M
64	Hon. Roland Foday Kargbo	APC	201	73%	21	x	M
95	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	SLPP	201	73%	26	Re-elected	M
141	Hon. PC Bai F.T. Ngbnak	KAM	200	72%	1	Re-elected	M
38	Hon. Salieu Osman Sesay	APC	199	72%	12	Re-elected	M
65	Hon. Cecilia M. Bangura	APC	199	72%	2	Re-elected	F
33	Hon. Peter Yamba Koroma	APC	198	71%	6	Re-elected	M
78	Hon. Habib Fabbah	SLPP	198	71%	6	Re-elected	M
23	Hon. Musa Fofanah	C4C	196	71%	33	Re-elected	M
113	Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu	APC	196	71%	10	Re-elected	F
67	Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara	APC	195	70%	7	Re-elected	M
68	Hon. Ibrahim Bun Kamara	APC	195	70%	8	x	M
77	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	APC	194	70%	49	Re-elected	M
118	Hon. Isaac Tarawallie	APC	193	70%	1	x	M
75	Hon. Abdul Latiff Sesay	APC	192	69%	15	Re-elected	M
83	Hon. Ambrose M. Lebyy	SLPP	192	69%	11	Re-elected	M
76	Hon. Ibrahim A. Bangura	APC	191	69%	4	Re-elected	M
91	Hon. Moses Baimba Jorkie	SLPP	191	69%	17	x	M
125	Hon. Alusine Alu-Conteh	APC	191	69%	4	x	M
35	Hon. Paul Samba Conteh	APC	189	68%	0	Re-elected	M
52	Hon. Abdulai Daniel Sesay	APC	189	68%	9	x	M
36	Hon. Emmanuel A. Koroma	APC	188	68%	4	x	M
26	Hon. Aiah D. Kassegbama	C4C	187	68%	7	x	M
54	Hon. James Ozan Tholley	APC	187	68%	4	x	M

132	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	SLPP	186	67%	28	Re-elected	M
123	Hon. Lihadi Alhadi	APC	185	67%	1	x	M
13	Hon. Alusine Kanneh	SLPP	184	66%	18	x	M
22	Hon. Tom Issic Tucker	APC	184	66%	2	Re-elected	M
61	Hon. Abdul Titus Kamara	NGC	184	66%	7	x	M
79	Hon. Osman A. Charles	SLPP	184	66%	22	Re-elected	M
69	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	APC	183	66%	4	Re-elected	M
119	Hon. Wurroh T. Jalloh	APC	183	66%	0	x	M
82	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	SLPP	182	66%	90	Re-elected	M
88	Hon. Christopher K. Vandy	SLPP	182	66%	19	Re-elected	M
90	Hon. Moses A. Edwin	SLPP	182	66%	18	x	M
41	Hon. Alusine Marah	APC	181	65%	0	x	M
4	Hon. Sarty Banya	SLPP	180	65%	3	Re-elected	M
9	Hon. Musa Lahai	SLPP	178	64%	2	Re-elected	M
57	Hon. Foday Mario Kamara	NGC	178	64%	23	x	M
117	Hon. Hajaratu F. Samura	APC	178	64%	0	x	F
49	Hon. Hassan Sankoh	APC	177	64%	1	x	M
74	Hon. Abu Mansaray	APC	177	64%	2		M
109	Hon. Osman Wurie Jalloh	SLPP	177	64%	6	Re-elected	M
20	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	SLPP	176	64%	53	Re-elected	M
70	Hon. Abdul Karim Koroma	APC	176	64%	4	x	M
92	Hon. Alice J. Kumabeh	SLPP	176	64%	13	Re-elected	F
59	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	APC	175	63%	51	Re-elected	M
53	Hon. Ibrahim Conteh	APC	174	63%	2	x	M
21	Hon. Boston Munda	SLPP	173	62%	8	Re-elected	M
39	Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw	SLPP	173	62%	6	Re-elected	M
48	Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma	APC	173	62%	19	Re-elected	M
99	Hon. Sheku M. Turay	SLPP	173	62%	17	x	M
89	Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas	SLPP	172	62%	21	Re-elected	M
1	Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi	IND	171	62%	45	Re-elected	F
105	Hon. Abdul Turay	APC	171	62%	1	x	M
110	Hon. Khadijatu Davies	APC	171	62%	9	x	F
28	Hon. Sahr Charles	C4C	170	61%	23	x	M
80	Hon. Ishmail Sama Sandy	SLPP	170	61%	24	x	M
15	Hon. Festus M. Lansana	SLPP	169	61%	18	x	M
31	Hon. John Charles Conteh	APC	169	61%	6	Re-elected	M
37	Hon. Catherine Z. Tarawally	APC	169	61%	23	Re-elected	F

114	Hon. Unpha Sorie Koroma	APC	169	61%	15	Re-elected	M
17	Hon. Brima Mansaray	SLPP	167	60%	10	Re-elected	M
14	Hon. Josephine Makieu	SLPP	166	60%	18	x	F
29	Hon. Rebecca Yei Kamara	C4C	164	59%	27	Re-elected	F
27	Hon. Francis Saa Bhendu	C4C	163	59%	6	x	M
97	Hon. Edward George	SLPP	163	59%	3	Re-elected	M
129	Hon. Emmanuel S. Conteh	APC	162	58%	1	x	M
145	Hon. PC Haja K. Koroma	MOY	162	58%	10	Re-elected	F
18	Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja	SLPP	161	58%	15	x	M
19	Hon. Matthew Sahr Nyuma	SLPP	161	58%	108	Re-elected	M
140	Hon. PC Bai Kurr Sanka	TON	161	58%	41	x	M
126	Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah	APC	158	57%	76	x	M
30	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	C4C	157	57%	65	Re-elected	M
42	Hon. Lahai Marah	APC	157	57%	32	x	M
46	Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma	APC	157	57%	39	Re-elected	M
136	Hon. PC M.S. Kontanday	KONO	157	57%	6	x	M
93	Hon. Amadu Kanu	APC	156	56%	7	x	M
146	Hon. PC Matilda Minah	PUJ	156	56%	6	x	F
47	Hon. Abdulai Papa Kargbo	APC	155	56%	0		M
131	Hon. M.S. Rahman-Coker	SLPP	155	56%	0	Re-elected	M
12	Hon. Momoh Bockarie	SLPP	153	55%	2	Re-elected	M
24	Hon. Komba Kamanda	C4C	153	55%	4	x	M
87	Hon. Yusuf Mackery	SLPP	153	55%	11	Re-elected	M
98	Hon. Dominic L. Tshombe	SLPP	153	55%	13	x	M
138	Hon. PC Fasalie Marah III	FAL	152	55%	0	x	M
6	Hon. Mohamed Kanneh	SLPP	150	54%	5	Re-elected	M
11	Hon. Musa Peter Moigua	SLPP	149	54%	5	Re-elected	M
2	Hon. Sahr Egbinda Juana	SLPP	148	53%	12	x	M
85	Hon. Massay N. Aruna	SLPP	148	53%	1	Re-elected	F
40	Hon. Alpha J.F. Madie	SLPP	147	53%	0	Re-elected	M
130	Hon. A. Marray-Conteh	SLPP	147	53%	16	Re-elected	M
134	Hon. PC Kandeh Paria Kawaleh	KAR	145	52%	0	Re-elected	M
16	Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofanah	SLPP	144	52%	5	x	M
106	Hon. Mohamed Kabia	APC	144	52%	4	x	M
58	Hon. Alusine O. Kamara	APC	143	52%	2	x	M
122	Hon. Alieu I. Kamara	SLPP	143	52%	11	x	M
63	Hon. Ibrahim Kamara	APC	142	51%	6	x	M
72	Hon. Alimamy Brun Kanu	APC	142	51%	3	x	M

96	Hon. Simeon Fefegula	SLPP	142	51%	1	x	M
25	Hon. Paul Saa Sam	C4C	140	51%	16	x	M
66	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	APC	140	51%	19	Re-elected	M
94	Hon. Veronica K. Sesay	SLPP	139	50%	36	Re-elected	F
44	Hon. Foday Lamin Kabba	APC	138	50%	6	x	M
3	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	SLPP	137	49%	39	Re-elected	M
51	Hon. Sorieba A. Turay	APC	136	49%	6	Re-elected	M
62	Hon. Kandeh K. Yumkella	NGC	134	48%	55	x	M
121	Hon. Abdul M. Lansana	SLPP	134	48%	10	x	M
143	Hon. PC K. J. Macavory	BO	134	48%	5	x	M
139	Hon. PC Balasama Marah	KOI	133	48%	1	Re-elected	M
55	Hon. Rosemarie Bangura	APC	131	47%	7	Re-elected	F
7	Hon. Quintin Salia Konneh	IND	130	47%	29	Re-elected	M
120	Hon. Tennison H. Sandy	SLPP	130	47%	1	x	M
34	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo	APC	129	47%	90	x	M
112	Hon. Haja Miatta Amara	APC	129	47%	2	Re-elected	F
135	Hon. PC Prince Pewa III	KEN	125	45%	1	x	M
127	Hon. John Telson Koroma	SLPP	124	45%	2	x	M
45	Hon. Kusan Sesay	APC	121	44%	6	x	M
56	Hon. Jawah Sesay	APC	118	43%	2	Re-elected	M
100	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	SLPP	115	42%	44	Re-elected	M
115	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	APC	111	40%	13	Re-elected	M
43	Hon. Hamidu H. Mansaray	APC	110	40%	5	Re-elected	M
107	Hon. Abubakarr Fofanah	APC	110	40%	5	Re-elected	M
133	Hon. PC Cyril Gondor II	KAI	110	40%	0	Re-elected	M
10	Hon. Zainab Kama Brima	SLPP	107	39%	3	x	F
128	Hon. Benjamin Turay	SLPP	104	38%	0	Re-elected	M
32	Hon. Mark M. Kalokoh	APC	103	37%	56	x	M
8	Hon. Wuyatta B. Songa	SLPP	101	36%	19	Re-elected	F
103	Hon. Abu Kemokai	SLPP	98	35%	8	Re-elected	M
137	Hon. PC Kandeh Finoh	BOM	91	33%	0	x	M
101	Hon. Sidie Mohamed Tunis	SLPP	82	30%	43	Re-elected	M
108	Hon. Ahmed Joseph Kanu	SLPP	77	28%	2	Re-elected	M
116	Hon. Emmanuel S. Gbokie	SLPP	73	26%	2	x	M
124	Hon. A. Manley-Spain	APC	72	26%	10	x	M
104	Hon. Musa Shiaka Sama	IND	70	25%	31	Re-elected	M
111	Hon. Horace E. Vincent	SLPP	68	25%	5	x	M
5	Hon. Hawa Roseline Siaffa	SLPP	67	24%	2	Re-elected	F

73	Hon. Issa Oye Koroma	APC	45	16%	1	x	M
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