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Parliamentary contributions to VNRs 2023

Toward more substantive input

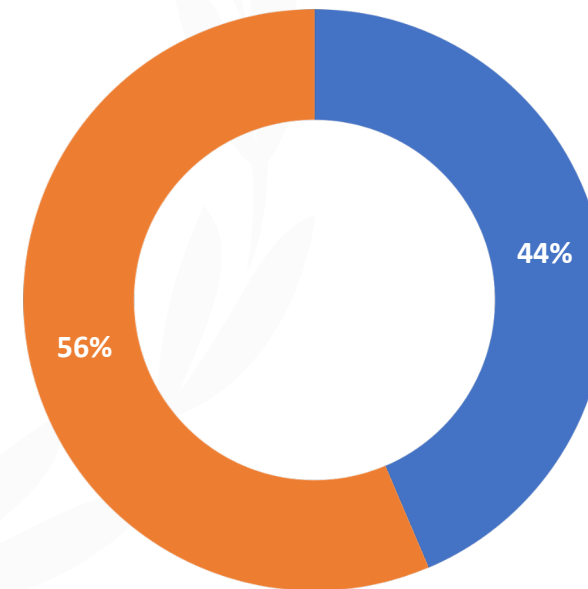


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Survey participation

Survey participation was higher than in previous years but still low.

How many parliaments responded to the survey?



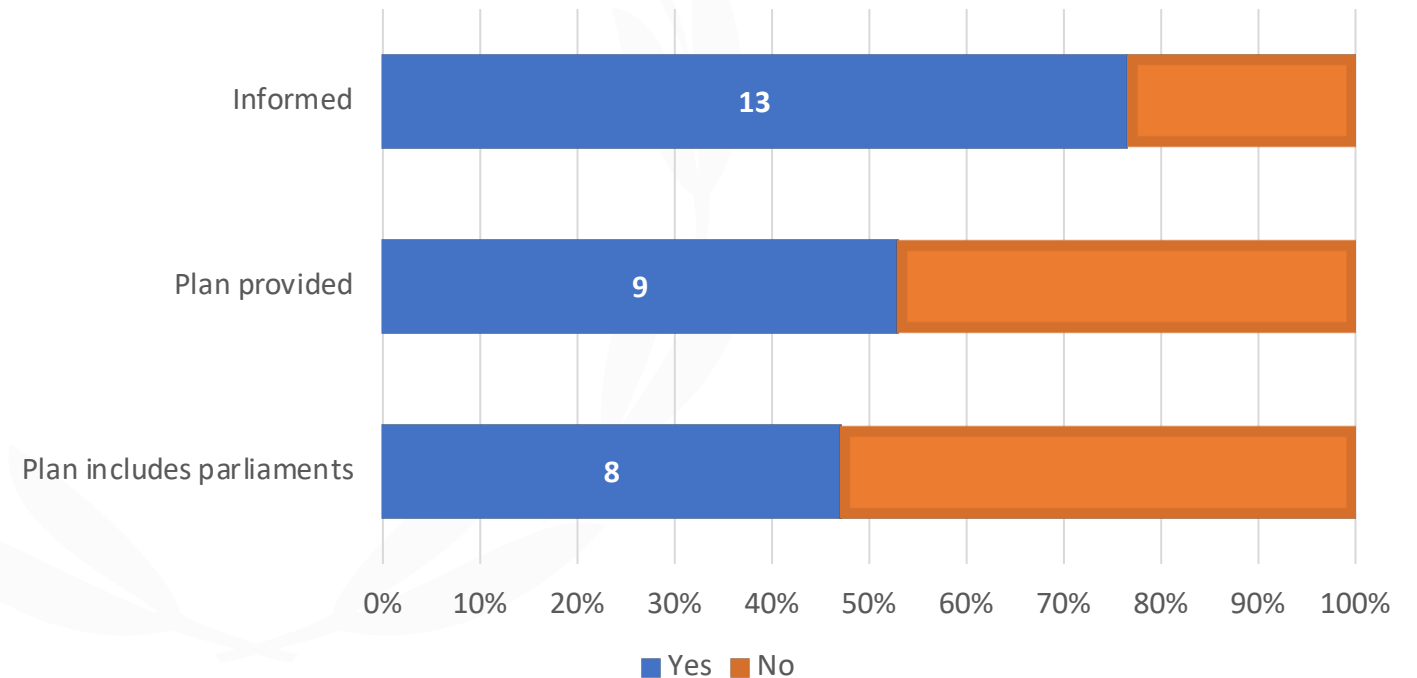
■ Yes ■ No



Awareness of the VNR

Although most parliaments (respondents) were informed of the VNR process, only half of them were provided with a consultation plan that included a role for the parliament.

Did the government provide a consultation plan that included a role for the parliament?





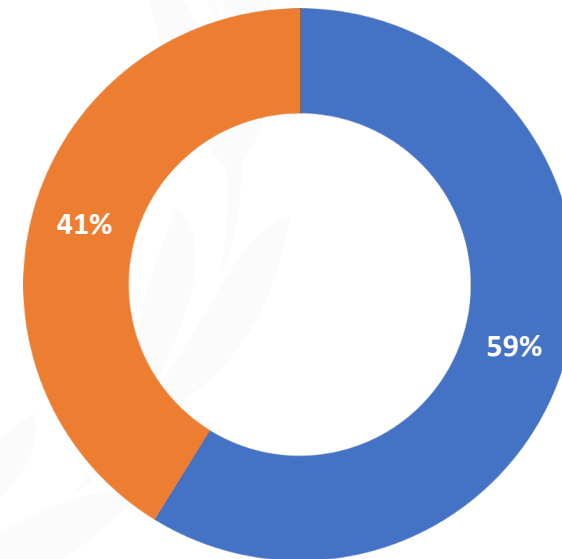
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Parliamentary Input to VNRs

From IPU survey

A slight majority of parliaments provided input to the government's VNR.

Did the parliament provide input to the government's VNR?



■ Yes ■ No



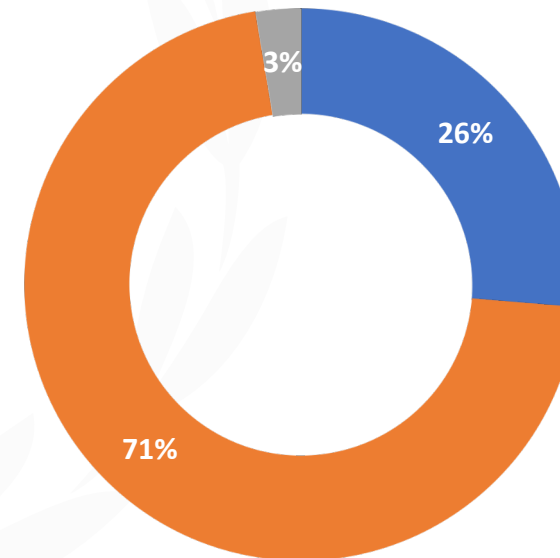
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Parliamentary Input

From VNR examination

Only a quarter of the submitted VNRs reference parliaments as stakeholders and contributors to the report.

Does the VNR specifically mention parliament as a contributor ?



■ Yes ■ No ■ N/A

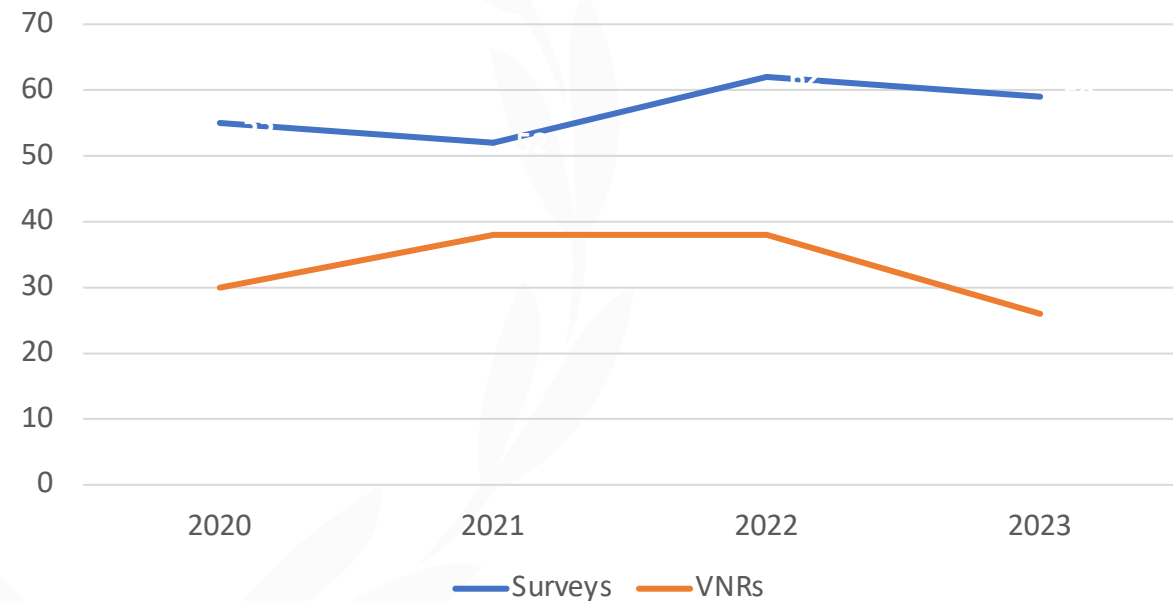


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Parliamentary input since 2020

There is no apparent trend toward greater parliamentary involvement.

Is there a discernable trend?





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Parliamentary input over time

National level

Repeat VNRs show growing inclusion of parliament.

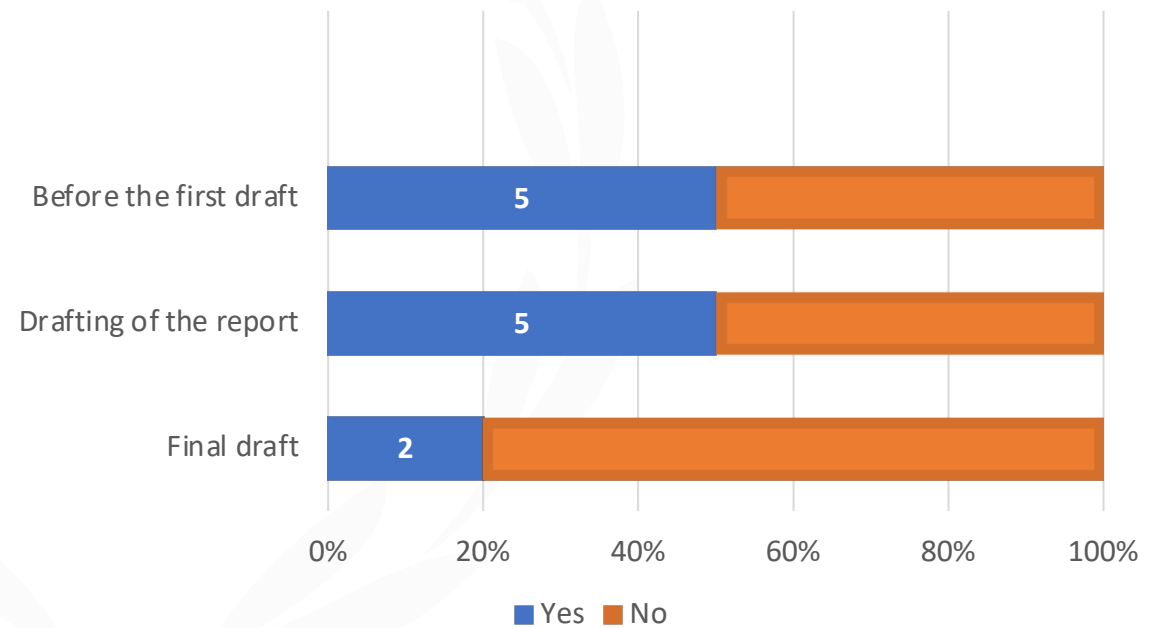
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Bahrain		Yes			Yes
CAR				No	Yes
Iceland			No		Yes
Lithuania		No			Yes
Portugal	Yes				Yes
Timor-Leste			Yes		Yes
Turkmenistan			Yes		Yes
Tanzania			No		Yes
Uzbekistan				Yes	Yes
Zambia				No	Yes



Stages of Parliamentary Input

Few parliaments provided input throughout the VNR preparation process (beginning to end).

At what stage did parliament provide input?

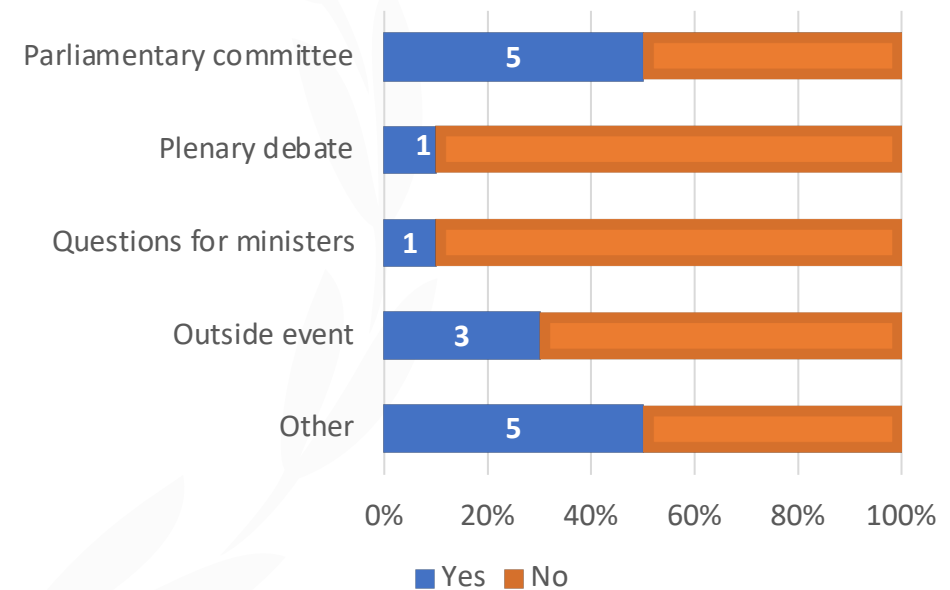




Forms of parliamentary input

Half of parliaments that provided input did so through the committee processes

How was input provided?

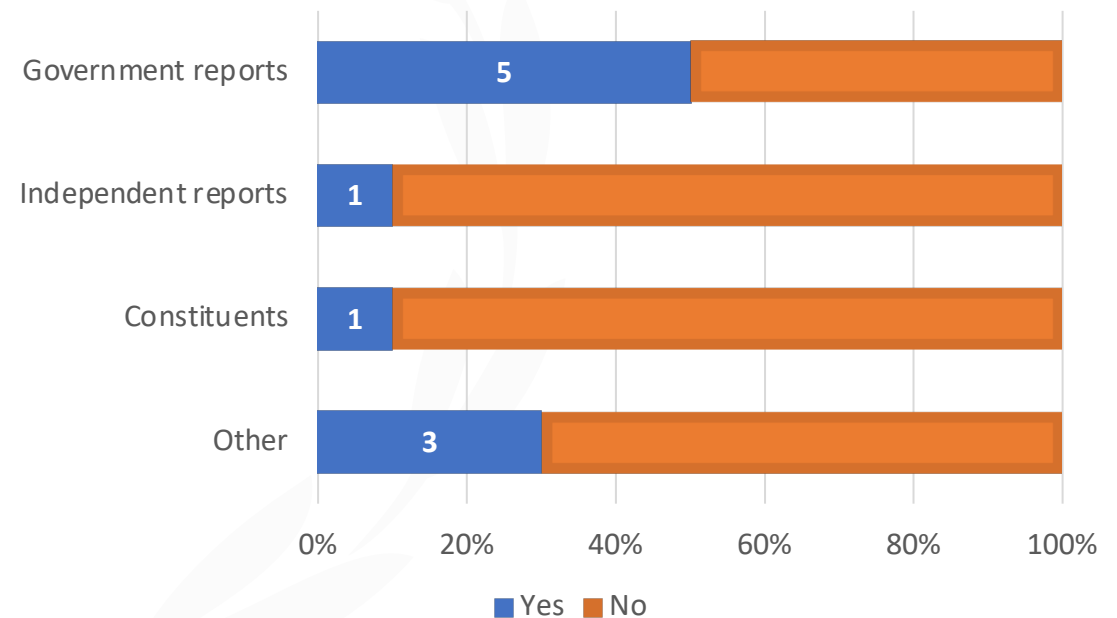




Sources of parliamentary input

Parliamentary input is largely influenced by government information

What sources did input draw from?

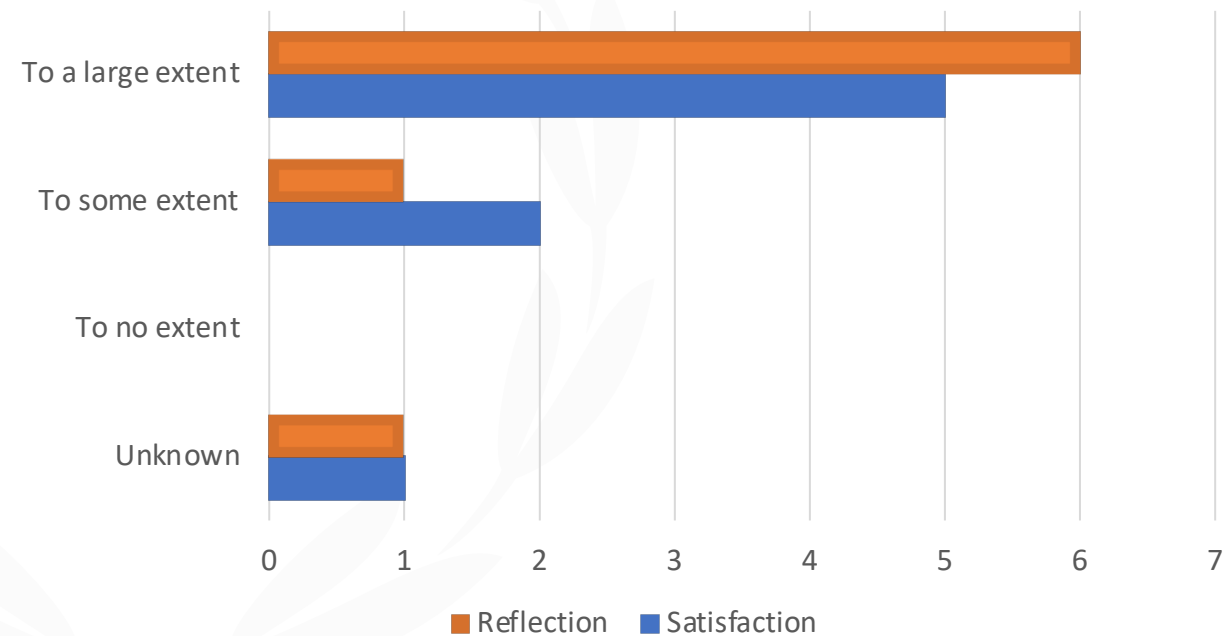




Parliamentary Input Vs. Satisfaction

When parliamentary input is reflected in the final VNR draft, parliaments tend to be satisfied with the report.

Did parliamentary input lead to a more satisfactory VNR?





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Conclusions

Toward greater
parliamentary
involvement and more
substantive input

Parliamentary engagement is mostly stagnant: some progress in some areas, but no dramatic improvement after eight years of VNRs.

Some governments see the benefit of involving parliaments over time - but too many remain recalcitrant.

When it occurs, parliamentary engagement seems to be of better quality.