

## ***Appendix to Gender and strategic opposition behavior: Patterns of parliamentary oversight in Belgium' (In: Politics and Governance)***

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**Table A1. Descriptive statistics**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>N</b>
Number of oral plenary PQs asked by MP to ministerial department	0.50	1.84	0.00	29.00	4268
Number of oral committee PQs asked by MP to ministerial department	4.46	16.79	0.00	350.00	4268
Female MP (dummy)	0.38	0.49	0.00	1.00	4268
Ideological distance between MP's and minister's party in policy domain	3.31	1.75	0.00	8.00	4268
Ideological disagreement between coalition partners in ministerial department	3.74	1.32	1.00	5.86	4268
Issue salience of ministerial department for MP's party	10.15	8.55	0.00	42.04	4268
Female minister (dummy)	0.44	0.50	0.00	1.00	4268
Mandate duration (years)	3.53	1.21	0.64	4.93	4268
Parliamentary tenure (years)	5.76	6.93			4268
Party (group) leader (dummy)			0.00	1.00	4268
Electoral insecurity	0.71	0.29	0.11	1.00	4268
Member of corresponding committee (dummy)			0.00	1.00	4268
Party group size (% of seats)	10.14	4.71	0.67	18.00	4268
Policy domain (categorical)					
Hard	0.64	0.48	0.00	1.00	4268
Neutral	0.18	0.39	0.00	1.00	4268
Soft	0.18	0.39	0.00	1.00	4268
Share of PQs addressed to ministry during term (%)	1.80	2.87	0.00	13.14	4268

**Table A2. Coding of ministerial departments**

Ministerial department	Policy domain type	Committee PQs	Plenary PQs	Ideological positions			Issue saliency		Female minister (mean)
				<i>CHES codes</i>	<i>Ideological distance (mean)</i>	<i>Coalition disagreement (mean)</i>	<i>MARPOR codes</i>	<i>Issue saliency (mean)</i>	
Budget	Hard	157	19	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	3.3	4.2	per402 + per404 + per408 + per409 + per410 + per414	4.5	0.4
Business, Self-Employed & Agriculture	Hard	560	40	LRECON + DEREGULATION	3.2	4.4	per401 + per402 + per403 + per405 + per408 + per703 + per704	10.3	0.6
Defense	Hard	1308	62	INTERNATIONAL_SECURITY	3.7	2.8	per103 + per104 + per105	0.7	0.0
Development Cooperation	Hard	356	13	INTERNATIONAL_SECURITY	3.4	2.8	per101 + per102 + per103 + per107 + per109	2.7	0.0
Domestic Economy	Hard	719	55	LRECON + DEREGULATION	2.9	4.4	per401 + per402 + per403 + per404 + per408 + per410 + per412 + per414 + per416	14.8	0.0
Energy	Neutral	900	89	ENVIRONMENT	2.9	4.4	per416 + per501	6.2	0.4
Environment	Neutral	349	21	ENVIRONMENT	2.9	4.4	per416 + per501	6.2	0.4
Finance	Hard	1764	262	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	3.5	4.2	per401 + per402 + per403 + per404 + per405 + per408 + per409 + per410 + per412 + per414 + per415	11.9	0.0
Foreign Affairs	Hard	1017	141	INTERNATIONAL_SECURITY	2.8	2.8	per101 + per102 + per103 + per106 +	4.8	0.0

							per 107 + per108 + per109 + per110		
Health	Soft	1599	175	LRECON + REDISTRIBUTION	3.5	3.7	per503 + per504 + per505 + per606	20.4	1.0
Interior Affairs	Hard	2369	310	CIVLIB_LAWORDER	3.8	2.8	per201 + per202 + per303 + per605	9.9	0.6
Justice	Hard	2366	256	CIVLIB_LAWORDER	2.7	2.8	per201 + per202 + per203 + per204 + per301 + per303 + per304 + per603 + per604 + per605	25.2	0.3
Labour	Hard	743	196	LRECON + DEREGULATION	2.8	4.4	per405 + per412 + per701 + per702 + per705 + per503	17.3	0.6
Migration	Hard	926	76	IMMIGRATE_POLICY	3.6	2.7	per601 + per602 + per607 + per608 + per503 + per705	15.0	0.6
Mobility	Hard	473	26	ENVIRONMENT	2.7	4.4	per411	5.3	0.4
Pensions	Soft	324	96	LRECON + REDISTRIBUTION	3.2	3.7	per504 + per505 + per706	12.0	0.3
Public Administration	Neutral	191	13	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	3.6	4.2	per303 + per304	7.4	0.3
Public Enterprises	Neutral	440	59	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	4.0	4.2	per411 + per413	5.5	0.3
Public Transport	Hard	1819	149	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	3.8	4.2	per411 + per413	5.5	0.7
Science	Hard	102	15	LRECON + SPENDVTAX	4.0	4.2	per411	5.3	0.7
Social Affairs	Soft	291	24	LRECON + REDISTRIBUTION	3.5	3.7	per503 + per504 + per505 + per606	20.4	1.0
Social Inclusion	Soft	263	43	SOCIALLIFESTYLE + REDISTRIBUTION	3.0	3.0	per503 + per705 + per706	11.9	1.0

**Table A3. Negative binomial regression models explaining the number of oral committee PQs posed by MPs per ministerial department**

	<b>Model 1</b>	<b>Model 2</b>	<b>Model 3</b>	<b>Model 4</b>	<b>Model 5</b>
<i>Independent variables</i>					
Female MP	1.17 (0.17)	0.99 (0.28)	1.05 (0.38)	0.86 (0.16)	1.01 (0.14)
Policy distance	0.98 (0.03)	0.95 (0.03)			
Coalition disagreement	0.98 (0.06)		0.97 (0.08)		
Issue salience	1.01 (0.00) ***			1.00 (0.01)	
Female minister	1.08 (0.09)				0.98 (0.14)
Female MP * Policy distance		1.06 (0.08)			
Female MP * Coalition disagreement			1.03 (0.07)		
Female MP * issue saliency				1.03 (0.01) **	
Female MP * Female minister					1.43 (0.33)
<i>Control variables</i>					
Mandate duration	1.74 (0.22) ***	1.74 (0.23) ***	1.74 (0.22) ***	1.75 (0.22) ***	1.74 (0.22) ***
Parliamentary tenure	0.96 (0.02) *	0.96 (0.02) *	0.96 (0.02) *	0.96 (0.02) *	0.96 (0.02) *
Party (group) leader	0.56 (0.16) **	0.54 (0.15) **	0.55 (0.15) **	0.55 (0.16) **	0.55 (0.15) **
Electoral insecurity	1.21 (0.34)	1.19 (0.33)	1.18 (0.33)	1.22 (0.35)	1.18 (0.33)
Committee member	9.97 (1.53) ***	9.71 (1.49) ***	9.77 (1.49) ***	9.73 (1.46) ***	9.75 (1.50) ***
Party group size	0.96 (0.03)	0.96 (0.03)	0.96 (0.03)	0.96 (0.03)	0.96 (0.03)
Share of PQs addressed to ministry	1.23 (0.01) ***	1.25 (0.01) ***	1.24 (0.01) ***	1.23 (0.01) ***	1.24 (0.01) ***
Policy domain (ref= neutral)					
Hard	0.87 (0.13)	0.89 (0.14)	0.88 (0.15)	0.86 (0.13)	0.88 (0.15)
Soft	0.76 (0.18)	0.90 (0.18)	0.87 (0.19)	0.77 (0.18)	0.81 (0.18)
PPG fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legislative term fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Observations	4268	4268	4268	4268	4268
Log Likelihood	-6996.88	-6999.85	-7001.25	-6993.62	-6998.01
AIC	14045.76	14047.69	14050.50	14035.23	14044.02

Note: Coefficients are incidence rate ratios (cluster-robust standard errors between parenthesis).

\*\*\* p<.01; \*\* p<.05; \*p<0.1

**Table A3. Zero-inflated negative binomial regression models explaining the number of oral plenary PQs posed by MPs per ministerial department**

	<b>Model 1</b>	<b>Model 2</b>	<b>Model 3</b>	<b>Model 4</b>	<b>Model 5</b>
<b>Count model</b>					
<i>Independent variables</i>					
Female MP	-0.20 (0.09) **	-0.11 (0.16)	0.17 (0.22)	-0.41 (0.16) **	-0.28 (0.11) ***
Policy distance	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.00 (0.03)			
Coalition disagreement	0.03 (0.07)		0.06 (0.07)		
Issue salience	0.01 (0.01) **			0.00 (0.01)	
Female minister	-0.04 (0.11)				-0.11 (0.12)
Female MP * Policy distance		-0.02 (0.04)			
Female MP * Coalition disagreement			-0.10 (0.06) *		
Female MP * issue saliency				0.02 (0.01) *	
Female MP * Female minister					0.22 (0.16)
<i>Control variables</i>					
Mandate duration	0.63 (0.09) ***	0.63 (0.09) ***	0.63 (0.08) ***	0.63 (0.09) ***	0.63 (0.09) ***
Parliamentary tenure	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)
Party (group) leader	0.06 (0.15)	0.07 (0.15)	0.05 (0.14)	0.06 (0.15)	0.06 (0.15)
Electoral insecurity	-0.32 (0.24)	-0.30 (0.24)	-0.30 (0.23)	-0.30 (0.24)	-0.30 (0.23)
Committee member	1.87 (0.32) ***	1.87 (0.32) ***	1.87 (0.31) ***	1.86 (0.33) ***	1.87 (0.32) ***
Party group size	-0.12 (0.02) ***	-0.12 (0.02) ***	-0.12 (0.02) ***	-0.12 (0.02) ***	-0.12 (0.02) ***
Share of PQs addressed to ministry	26.00 (1.76) ***	27.02 (1.62) ***	27.13 (1.65) ***	25.94 (1.74) ***	27.02 (1.59) ***
Policy domain (ref= neutral)					
Hard	0.04 (0.16)	0.04 (0.18)	0.05 (0.17)	0.02 (0.17)	0.03 (0.18)
Soft	0.06 (0.18)	0.11 (0.19)	0.13 (0.18)	0.03 (0.19)	0.10 (0.20)
PPG fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legislative term fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Zero model</b>					
Committee member	-17.12 (0.60) ***	-17.87 (0.60) ***	-17.37 (0.59) ***	-15.71 (0.60) ***	-17.80 (0.60) ***

Mandate duration	-0.03 (0.29)	-0.03 (0.28)	-0.03 (0.29)	-0.03 (0.28)	-0.03 (0.29)
Observations	4268	4268	4268	4268	4268
Log Likelihood	-2729	-2731	-2730	-2727	-2730

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Note: Coefficients are incidence rate ratios (cluster-robust standard errors between parenthesis).

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