

Use of Existing WTO Mechanisms to Enhance Transparency



Information provided and questions asked by
Members on fossil fuel subsidies in WTO
Trade Policy Reviews

1. INFORMATION ON FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES PROVIDED BY WTO MEMBERS IN TRADE POLICY REVIEWS



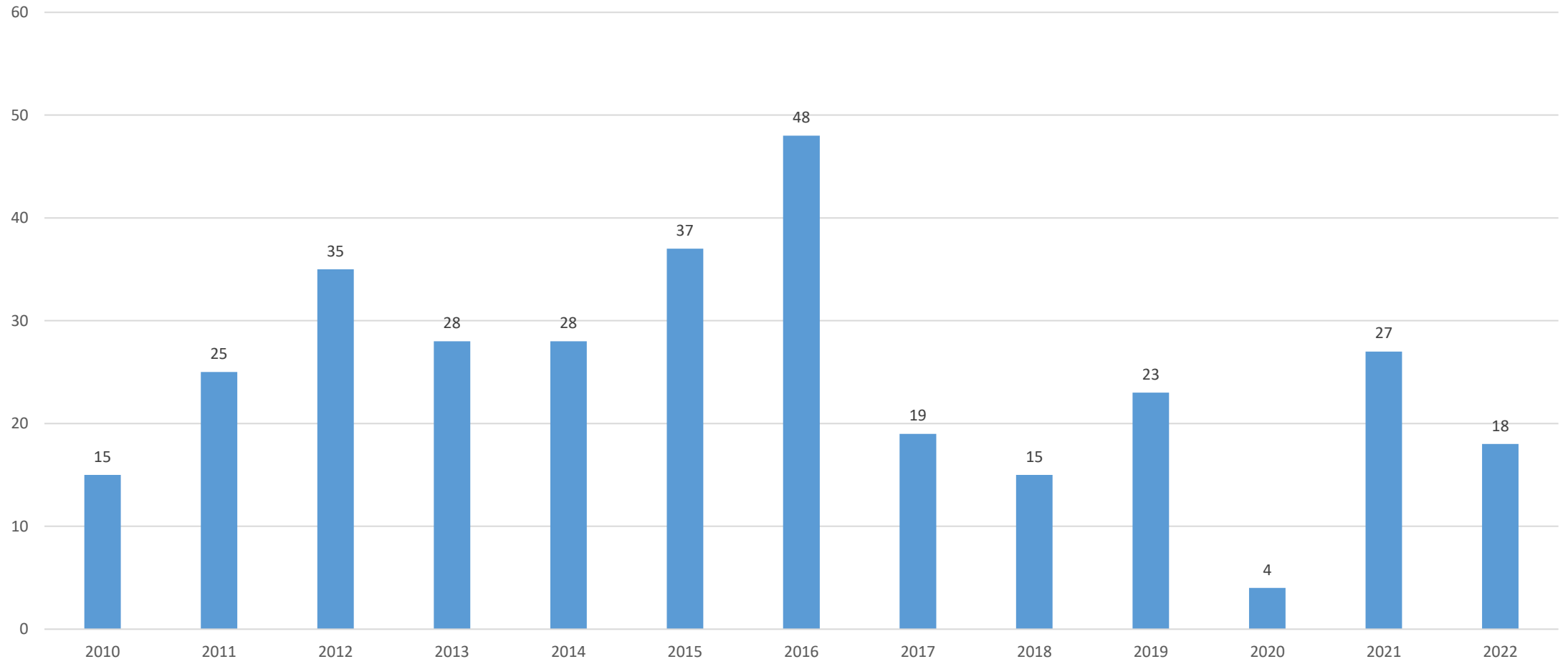
Information shared on **over 320 measures and policies** related to fossil fuel subsidies since 2010

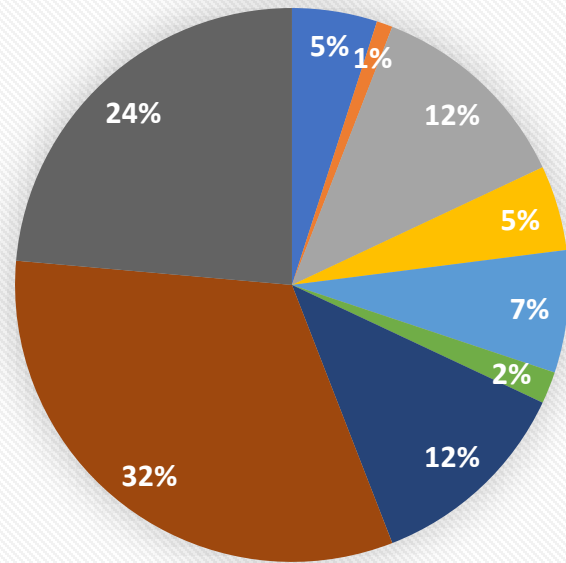


68 WTO Members shared information about at least one measure/policy related to fossil fuel subsidies

➤ *OpenAI services used to search information in WTO text data*

Information provided by Members in TPRs: **Measures referred to per year**

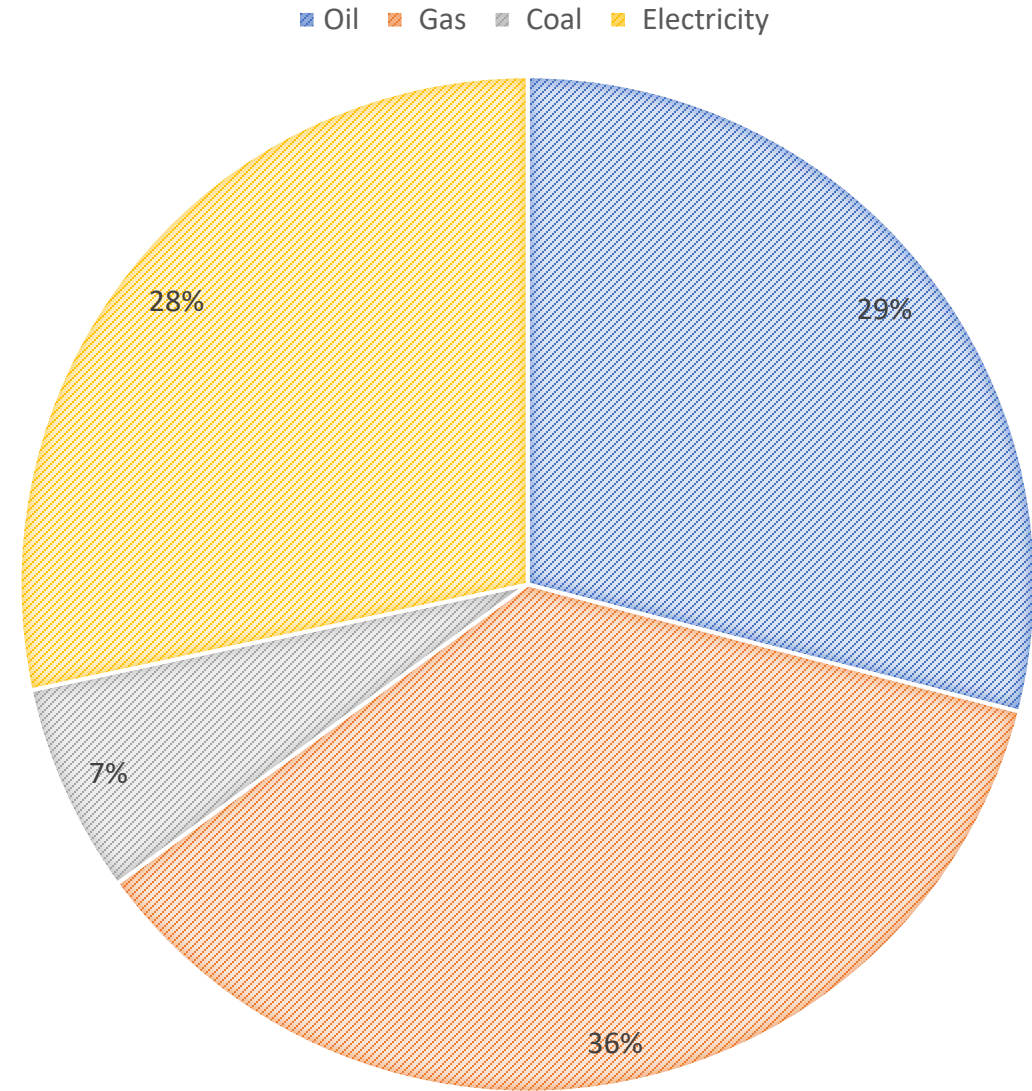




- 1. economic environment
- 2. trade and investment regime > investment
- 3. trade policies and practices > production > taxation and incentives
- 3. trade policies and practices > production > subsidies
- 3. trade policies and practices > production (competition, industrial policy standards)
- 3. trade policies and practices > imports (taxes and charges, state trading, tariffs)
- 4. trade policies by sector > agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- 4. trade policies by sector > mining and energy
- other

Information provided by Members in TPRs: **by TPR Section**

Information provided by Members in TPRs: **Fossil fuels**



2. QUESTIONS ON FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES ASKED BY MEMBERS IN TRADE POLICY REVIEWS

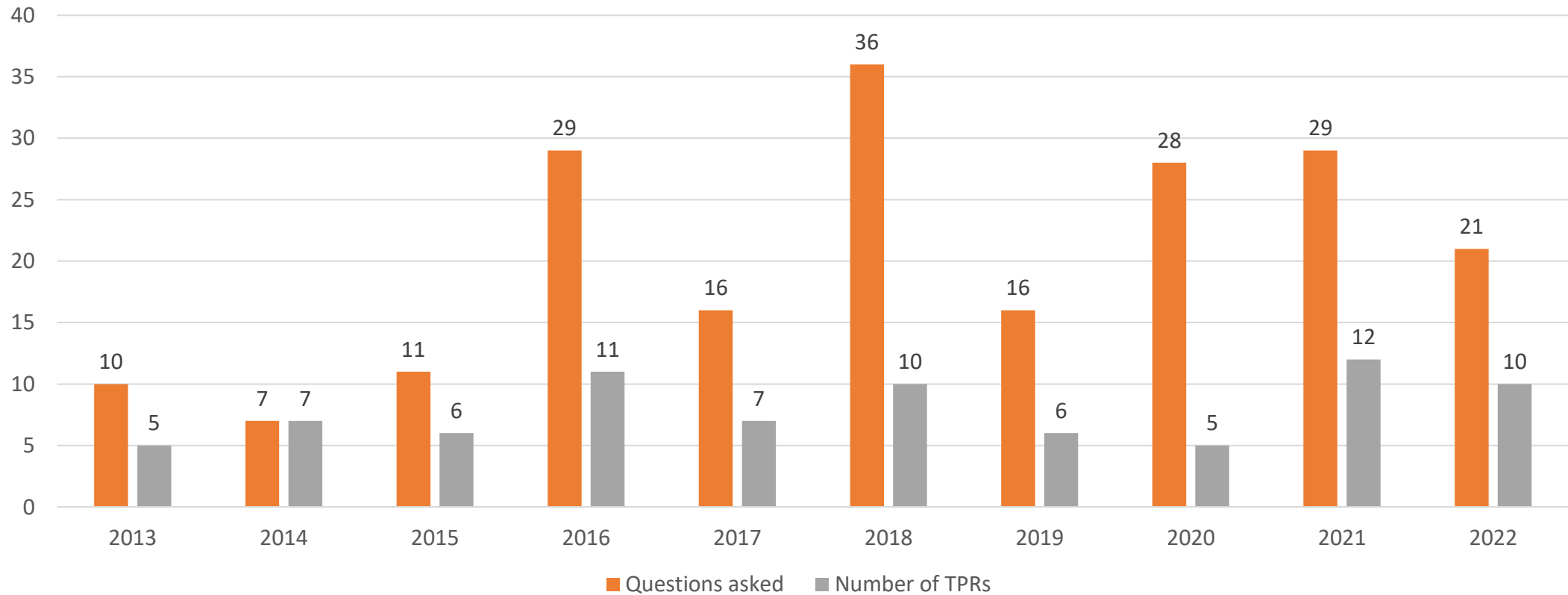


Over 200 questions asked /
information requested in the
last 10 years (2013-2022)



56 WTO Members asked at
least one question

Questions asked by Members in TPRs: Number of questions and TPRs per year



Questions asked by Members in TPRs: **General trends**



Earlier questions tend to request more concrete information about the design, functioning and impact of measures, as well as under what conditions government support may be available.



More recent questions tend to be motivated also by broader environmental concerns and inquire about plans to reduce carbon emissions and implement reforms transitioning away from fossil fuel subsidies.



Questions asked by Members in TPRs: **Types of questions**

- Requesting information on the rationale, design and application of FFS measures referred to in Members' TPRs, including possible discriminatory or protectionist impacts of FFS measures.
- Inquiring about FFS programmes not mentioned in TPRs.
- Asking about the economic, social and environmental impacts of FFS measures.
- Inquiring whether Members intend to phase out certain FFS programmes, including temporary ones, and requesting Members to share feedback from FFS reforms.
- Inquiring on the consistency of FFS with policies on reducing carbon emissions by the same Members.
- Asking Members about participation in FFSR initiatives (WTO FFSR, APEC, G7, G20 processes) and intentions to implement measures aimed at reducing dependence on FFS.