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## SAFETY

# The regulation that will regulate the wearing of cameras will be approved this June

The president of the interparochial body of traffic agents explains that they are finalizing the draft

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The current president of the interparochial body of traffic officers, Xavier Fernández, announced in the framework of the celebration of the 17th day of traffic officers that took place last Friday in Ordino, that the regulation that will regulate the wearing of cameras by the agents it will be approved this June. «We are finalizing the drafting of the regulation with the legal advisors and we hope to approve it during the next interparochial meeting,» Fernández said. «Then, each Municipality will have to adapt the regulation to its parish and submit it for approval in the Municipal council» added the president of the body, who detailed that the approval of this regulation is part of the implementation of the new body law that was approved last year.

Fernández, detailed that the body currently consists of 250 and 300 agents, also referred to the salary of the agents in response to a question posed by the press. «It is true that we have many generic regulations, but the salary scales depend on each Municipality», pointed out Fernández, who added that «it is not the same that an agent is in Pas de la Casa during the winter or that he is in Sant Julià». In relation to this question, the president of the interparochial body commented that it will be necessary to coordinate the efforts between the different municipal corporations. «We don't ha-



The act of honor to the flag of Andorra in Plaça de la Closa.

### XAVIER FERNÁNDEZ

PRESIDENT OF THE INTERPAROCHIAL BODY OF TRAFFIC AGENTS

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ve anything established yet. The next inter-parish meetings will mark the agenda» stressed Fernández, while announcing that this «will be a challenge that, as president, I can take on for the next four years».

According to the ANA, the day brought together a total of 140 participants and began at 11.00 am with the traditional mass that was celebrated in the Church of Sant Corneli and Sant Cebrià with the presence of several municipal authorities, nationals and representatives of Andorra's special forces. ●

SOCIETY

# Change the age of sexual consent for minors from 14 to 16

The proposal has been developed in the framework of the Reasoner's seminar on sexual abuse

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Raise the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16. This and other topics were discussed at the Seminar on 'Mistreatment and sexual abuse of minors and the media' that took place yesterday at noon at the Art Hotel, which was attended by the general trustee, Carles Ensenyat; the Reasoner of the Citizen, Xavier Cañada, experts such as the psychiatrist Gemma García-Parés, and personalities such as the former president of the Tribunal of Courts, Josep María Pijuan, who participated in the meeting.

For his part, the Reasoner of the Citizen, Xavier Cañada, pointed out that «life expectancy has changed, therefore, everything must be linked to this life expectancy, which is why this age must be extended in order to protect minors», thus positioning himself in favor of the age change.

A change in which Pijuan also agreed, who remarked that «minors still have to be protected more. I think that 14 years is very fair for the person to consent to a sexual relationship», adding that «the age difference must also be monitored, since it is not the same to talk about a re-



The general trustee, Carles Ensenyat, during the closing ceremony of the seminar.



**XAVIER CAÑADA**  
CITIZEN REASONER

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**GEMMA GARCÍA-PARÉS**  
PSYCHIATRIST

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lationship between two under 14 or 15 years, and a minor under 14 and a person who is 25».

In this same line of changes, the former president also stated that «legal changes» should be made, since, understanding that it is a competence of the Ge-

neral Council, the subject of «crimes of sexual abuse and assault, which they occur largely in the family sphere, a lot of time passes between the time when the events occur and the time when they are reported, and this can give rise to prescriptions of the

crime». In addition, within the changes that Pijuan appealed, he also exposed the possibility of «eliminating the difference between aggression and sexual abuse», adding that the law must be based on «whether there is consent or not». A point that if removed, according to Pijuan, the current «escape» facility would be removed.

On the other hand, García-Parés explained that these types of events are important because «it is a phenomenon that is not sufficiently denounced or reported by the victims», a fact that Pijuan reaffirmed: «There are many cases in that the victims are people aged 40 or 45, but that the events took place when they were eight years old».

However, the psychiatrist maintained that «up to 40% of psychiatric illnesses, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as self-esteem and self-confidence problems are due to a trauma of this style, this is because it has a very great importance throughout the lives of the people affected». Finally, from the office of the Citizen's Reasoner, the will is maintained that this seminar «be the seed» to continue talking and reflecting on these cases. ●

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