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ECONOMY

The CES gives the green light to the summer season quota with 500 permits

The quota will be approved at next week's Council of Ministers



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The Economic and Social Council held last Tuesday.

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The quota for the summer season this year will be 500 permits with the possibility of being extended by a further 30%. This was agreed in the Economic and Social Council (CES) held last Tuesday morning between the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, the employer and the unions and the forecast is that it will be approved by the Council of Ministers next week.

As Marsol indicated in statements to the media, the Govern-

ment's objective is to maintain the criterion that is being applied, with the «will to limit quotas in general». In addition, she explained that last year the quota was 600 permits, and it was effective in 575. The quota, which will be aimed at the hospitality sector, will be open from next June 12th until September 15th. The minister also explained that the bill on sustainable growth and the right to housing will be submitted in a few weeks to the CES for its opinion.

On behalf of the CEA, Iago Andreu gave the approval to this summer quota, detailing that

«it seems reasonable that the quota is 500 people with 30% expandable».

Regarding salary increases, Marsol recalled that it is up to employers and unions to come to an agreement, agree on a proposal and bring it to the CES. «The government should not intervene beyond the minimum wage, as it has done in recent years to balance wages.» On how this negotiation is being carried out, the minister detailed that the Government is updating the study of the cost of living, so that employers and unions have the necessary information to see how wage in-

creases should evolve. On this matter, Gabriel Ubach detailed that «it is difficult to know how much a person needs to live in this country if there is no data». In addition, he reminded again that we have to leave aside the fact of thinking only about rental flats and make people able to buy a flat. In addition, Ubach wonders what kind of life we want, «if the Ferrari and Lamborghini life or a normal Andorra as before», stressing that «we can't go to an Andorra with flats at 1,500 euros and Ferraris with the salaries we have». ●

The apartments of the old Àrtic Hotel will be completed in a month

►► Marsol expects the affordable rental apartments of the Àrtic hotel to be completed within a month. This is what she explained in the statements after the CES, explaining that the delivery has been delayed due to the work that had to be done around it. The Government has already started the procedures for the registration of people interested in accessing these properties and, although it did not give specific data, it assured that it is going well. The minister added, in addition, that the records will allow to see the types of people who need these flats and assured that access to these flats will be adapted, since now «it is very adjusted to give facilities to those who have more risk of residential exclusion».

LIVESTOCK

The Government and APRA agree on a decree that «we hope we never have to use»

This regulation seeks to compensate for damages caused to agriculture and livestock

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The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal, together with the president of the Association of Farmers and Ranchers of Andorra, Xavier Coma, presented last Tuesday the Decree for the compensation of damages caused to the agriculture and livestock for protected wildlife species. Casal wanted to make it clear that «the administration is all of us» and that with this regulation «we are compensating for what is fair». A decree that is effective from today, May 29th. Even so, both the Ministry and the Association hope to never have to activate it, but if the case were to arise, the minister assured that «we will have a legal instrument that will allow us to compensate».

With reference to compensation for dead or missing animals, there is a value provided if they are subject to APRA's livestock compensation fund. This value is multiplied by 2.5 in the case of cattle and sheep and by 3 in UFOs and goats, in



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addition to additional compensation for loss of productivity, removal of carcasses, among others.

Regarding injured animals, there is also a value provided in the compensation fund policy, which is multiplied by 1.5 for cattle and dogs, and by 2 for sheep and goats. The costs of veterinary care and medicines, transport costs, cost of feed in stables, daily aid for animal housing will also be compensated, taking into account the aid of traditional livestock

practices in the winter season, loss of productivity in case of abortion or infertility. In the event that the animal dies in the following 90 days, this will compensate as a dead animal. In case of death of a sheep, it can be bread gar 180 euros plus a series of expenses and additional aids, while in case of death of a cow the compensation can reach 749 euros plus complementary aids.

The president of the Association of Farmers and Ranchers of Andorra, Xavier Coma, wan-



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ted to make it clear that «we are not in favor of reintroduction, and even more so if they are predators», stressing that not everything can be compensated with money. In the process of drawing up the decree, they asked for «agility in making the compensation effective and in the protocols and waiting time», assuring that «we agreed on this quickly». In the event of the presence of predators, the Department already plans an action protocol that notifies the association and livestock farmers in the area to take preventive measures, although Casal has stated that «I cannot talk about this protocol because we've not used it and we don't want to use it. Time will tell if it's well done...» ●

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