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SOCIAL SECURITY

Spending on pensions increases by 10.5% in the first quarter

The CASS Board of Directors approves tenders to strengthen telephone support

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Expenditures on benefits from the retirement branch of the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS) have increased by 10.5% during the first quarter of the year compared to the same period in 2023.

According to the financial statements validated by the board of directors, between the months of January and March the expenses of contributory pensions have totaled 39.6 million euros, 11.2% more than in the first quarter of 2023, while the non-contributory pension expenses have reached 1.8 million, 0.4% more.

Regarding the income of the retirement branch, they have increased by 9.3%. The total income from contributions by employees and self-employed workers has totaled 51.5 million euros, while Government transfers to finance non-contributory pensions have reached 1.8 million. Regarding the general branch, income from contributions has increased by 9.6%, reaching a total of 44.7 million euros. However, expenses have increased by 15%, with 34.8 million in health benefits and 18.8 million in economic benefits.

BENEFICIARIES OF THE SYSTEM // On the other hand, CASS also reports that during the first quarter



The headquarters of the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS).

First quarter data show a 2.7% increase in wage earners, a total of 49,192 people

of this year the number of employees has increased by 2.7%. Specifically, in March there were 49,192 people registered as salaried in the CASS, 2.7% more than those registered in March 2023. In the same way, the number of self-employed contributors increased to 8,471, an increase of 4%. Regarding the number of indirect insured persons, there are 18,090 people.

Likewise, the number of pensioners in charge of the general branch decreased by 3.4%, and stood at 2,582 pensioners in March (2,254 disability pensioners, 327 orphan pensioners and one reversionary pension of ascendants). In the retirement branch, the increase in the number of pensioners in relation to 2023 was 4.1%, with

16,799 pensioners registered in March (15,088 retirement pensioners; 3,504 widowhood pensioners of which 78 are temporary). The dependency ratio for the month of March is 3.29 active insured persons for each pensioner in the retirement branch; 1.4% lower in March 2023.

PUBLIC TENDER // Finally, the board of directors of the CASS has approved the bidding for a national public tender for the recruitment of a people management company that will provide four temporary resources for the telephone service with the aim of strengthening attention to the insured and thus guaranteeing the quality of the service. ●

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RELATIONS WITH THE BANKING SECTOR

Souque's behavior could compromise the agreement with the banks

AE highlights several complaints received from part of the banking sector

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The president of the Andorra Endavant parliamentary group, Carine Montaner, representing the group she heads, asked the Government about the measures it plans to take to guarantee a better understanding and harmonious collaboration between the Secretary of State for Interna-



Montaner in a session of the General Council.

tional Financial Affairs, Noelia Souque, and the banks. A question that, according to AE, derives from the importance of having solid and cooperative rela-



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«Constructive relations with the banking sector are essential for economic growth»

tions between the two sides, and in response to complaints received from part of the country's banking sector «for the behavior of the current Secretary of State, which could compromise this need for understanding».

Specifically, the question as-

ked by the parliamentary group was about what measures the Government plans to take to guarantee a good understanding and harmonious collaboration between the Secretary of State for International Financial Affairs and the banks, with the aim of preserve the stability and confidence necessary for the transposition of the monetary agreement and the proper functioning of the Principality's current banking system.

On the other hand, from the formation they firmly believe that «positive and constructive relations between government institutions and the banking sector are essential for the economic growth and international reputation of Andorra», as they stated in the statement issued during the past Wednesday. ●

LABORATORY P3

The laboratory that Grifols wants to build in Ordino arrives at THED in Strasbourg

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After going through all the judicial authorities in the country, the contract signed between the Government and the multinational Grifols reaches the Euro-

pean Court of Human Rights. Strasbourg will have to decide whether the contract complied with all the regulations in force at the time it was signed or, if on the contrary, it is null and void as Mr. Enric Dolsa says. It should be remembered that all the ju-

dicial authorities in the country have ruled that Dolsa, as a member of the Municipality of Ordino - democratically elected -, there is no legitimacy to make this appeal. The councilor has never agreed with this resolution, since he believes that the merits of the matter have never been judged, and he has always affirmed that if he does not have legitimacy as an elected member of the Municipality of Ordino, who



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does? Due to this reason, Dolsa has chosen to bring it to THED. ●

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