

The Government will not renounce the measures of the Shock Plan, despite the accusations of interventionism

Marsol points out that they have received a total of 42 complaints about the "child trap", but only a total of 10 have been resolved.

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With this statement, the head of Housing, Conxita Marsol, closed the rumors of the last few days regarding the possibility of the Executive renouncing some of the measures of the Shock Plan due to the accusations of interventionism by the parliamentary groups and other formations. And it is that according to Marsol, although «these are difficult measures, I recognize the need of the country», highlighting the need for more apartments to be offered on the market: «We must ensure that the homes for tourist use can move to residential rental in three years' time, with certain conditions and guarantees», said the minister on RTVA's 'La Clau' program.

Empty flats are another of the issues covered by the Government-promoted Law Project: «I would like to be able to know very soon how many

empty flats we are really talking about», said Marsol, with the aim of bringing these flats to the market. «It doesn't benefit them to be closed, we have to be supportive», she added. Regarding the procedure to be able to carry out this objective, the holder of the Housing portfolio explained that the Government will not go to the relevant homes on the first day, but will first send a letter to the owners, giving the option of putting them up for sale or rent directly, or through the housing stock «so that the Government can manage them and guarantee the lease to the tenant». In case the owner does not proceed, that will be when a mandatory transfer will be applied for a period of five years.

In addition, Marsol also took advantage of her intervention in the program to once again mention the public housing stock that is currently being built in the country. As she indicated, in a few days they will have the first 27 floors in the



The holder of the Labor portfolio, Conxita Marsol, during the interview on RTVA's 'La Clau' programme.

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old Hotel Àrtic, to which 30 or 40 more will be added at the end of the year and an expected figure of 300 by 2026. However, the objective of the Executive is to end the legislature with 500 flats in the public park.

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«Laws are made to be broken». With this statement, Marsol directly addressed the problem of the 'child trap', while indicating the need to be «quickly proactive to pay off some laws can leave». And according to the Minister of Housing, the owners who have executed this scam are a minority, since only a total of 42 complaints have been received out of the 25,000 rental flats that currently exist in Andorra. «There shouldn't be any, but the figure is residual», she said, highlighting again the commitment with the representatives of the affected group to modify the current sanctions upwards, which are around 5,000 euros. Of these 42 denunciations, only 10 have prospered with a sanction imposed, while around 20 have been filed when it was found that they were indeed intended for direct relatives. About the rest, they are still in progress. As for the confirmed ones, these have been met with a long file, which begins with sending a letter to the owner and a time limit for him to justify the reason why he is evicting the person who is inside the property of course, during this time, the tenant is already outside the home.

With respect to the rent reference price index, Marsol stated that it is not a measure that is currently included in the Shock Plan, since to start working on it you must have the relevant data:



Conxita Marsol

MINISTER OF HOUSING

«We need to ensure that the homes for tourist use can be converted to residential rental within three years»

«[From the Government] we must be proactive quickly to cover the holes that some laws can leave»

«It is being difficult, although there is already a platform for the municipalities to enter the data and let us know what the real price of rent is in the country», she indicated, highlighting the high percentage of citizens who are concerned about the issue of housing (90%). «We do not plan to regulate rents because we lack data.»

Finally, and with regard to foreign investment, the minister explained that this is indeed contemplated by the Omnibus Law, with the aim of controlling the current growth of the country: «We must let Andorra have a future and grow more controlled way», stressing that people who don't live here or have been there for a very short period of time will only be able to acquire two properties. «We will not let external promoters come to do promotion in Andorra», she added, all the while indicating the fact of being stricter in business and that these are complementary to the world of innovation and new technologies. ●

Four companies are fined 100,000 euros for abusing Peruvians

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«It has been decided to be able to inform the Peruvian workers interested in going to Andorra about what are the conditions that must be met and that they can receive truthful information». With these words, the Minister Spokesperson for the Government, Guillem Casal, spoke at a press conference following the Council of Ministers, about the caseload of labor abuses of non-EU workers, reporting that a total of 18 ex officio inspections have already been carried out for irregularities in the hiring of people. These checks on «between four and five companies» have resulted in eight files and four companies sanctioned for an amount of more than 100,000 euros.

The minister spokesperson also highlighted the visit to Andorra this Wednesday of the consul general of Peru in Barcelona and his deputy, which was «extremely cordial, very positive and very transparent, in which both countries have put on the table the willingness to work together to find out these possible breaches of labor regulations regarding Peruvian workers». In addition, Casal claimed the «willingness to work jointly» with the Peruvian authorities in such a

way that joint actions can be taken to «find out what has happened» with the irregularities detected among the displaced workers and he has stated that the Executive has been on their's back».

On the other hand, Marsol detailed that they have controlled the companies involved in these cases and that they are constantly being checked and inspected at work, but that once they get there, they encounter the problem: «They don't come to report», stated the minister. It is for this reason that she stressed the importance of stopping the call effect that exists in the country of origin and that they know that «if they do not have a work contract before leaving their country and the papers already presented that they do not come, because they will find themselves in a problem», while indicating that the companies that commit these abuses are a minority. In addition, she explained that the intention is for other companies to give them work for a few months, at least so that the people who have come «half-deluded» can buy the flight back to their country: «We need to get those who are Andorran regulations apply here and that when the time is right they can return to their country in a good way». ●