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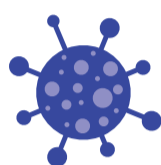
Reopen nightlife

The nightclubs will return to activity this Friday with the requirement of the covid certificate

The government expects schoolchildren to be able to do without the mask in two weeks

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The world of nightlife will return to its usual activity with 100% of the capacity of the premises available and

the requirement to present the covid certificate from next Friday. According to the Minister of Health, Joan Martínez Benazet, «the schedule that was carried out before the pandemic will be recovered and nightclubs will be able to choose between asking for the covid pass, with the option of removing the mask just for drinking, or let in without a mask if an antigen test is presented at the entrance.

After two and a half months, one of the sectors most injured by health restrictions will see the light «thanks to the favorable conditions of the current impact of covid,» Benazet said. The contagion curve is declining following the same trend

The general trend of contagion continues downwards and the infection curve follows the decreasing dynamics

as last week when it was announced the lifting of measures such as the use of the mask outdoors. The head of Health considered that «we are in a different and more hopeful phase than during the first days of the year».

After analyzing the declining situation, Benazet said that «there has been a slight increase in hospital admissions, but it is back to normal.» Thus, a total of 13 people are admitted to the Hospital Nostra Senyora de Meritxell, nine of them on the ground floor and four in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), three under mechanical ventilation. In addition, health data show that 9 of the 13



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► Interior of the Ibiza Experience at the reopening of nightlife a few months ago.



JOAN MARTÍNEZ BENAZET
MINISTER OF HEALTH

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admitted to the hospital have not received any dose of the vaccine and that one of those infected in the ICU has the omicron variant.

Regarding the prevention and control measures of the schools, the Executive expects that during the next two weeks a decision will be made on lifting the obligation to wear a mask to the bubble groups, as long as it does not interact with students of another group. Benazet stated that «I am not an advocate of measures such as the mask on

kend, which remain at 147. The head of Health reported that the reproduction rate was still down by 0.54.

As for the vaccination of children, 21 children were vaccinated last Friday and there are already 113 children registered to receive the vaccine, which will be administered during the next week. Similarly, 82.74% of the population over the age of 16 have received the full guideline, 84.02% have taken a dose, and 59.26% have already received the booster dose. ≡

schoolchildren, because it makes learning difficult, but it all depends on the general context of the pandemic.» Similarly, school screenings could also see an end in the coming weeks if the trend of contagion continues with this declining dynamic. The Minister of Health reported that «long-distance and out-of-school trips are already authorized».

HEALTH UPDATE // On the other hand, Health detected a total of 209 new positives since last Friday, with 90 cases on Friday, 68 on Saturday and 51 on Sunday. Thus, the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic has reached 36,808, and the number of discharges has reached 35,201. The number of active cases continues to fall, with only 1,460 infected before yesterday. No deaths were reported during the week.

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JUSTICE

Lawyers seek appeals and report «complex situations»

They reiterate the complaint about the delay in the proceedings and believe that it is necessary to ensure the freedom of expression of lawyers

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The board of the Andorran Bar Association took stock of the two-year term before yesterday and expressed the need to face «a new stage» in which «critical issues» are addressed that cause «complex situation» for the exercise of lawyers, such as «the delay in judicial proceedings», as well as the need to «increase specialized resources» to «find mechanisms for improvement to gain agility in justice».

To fulfill this new stage, the members of the board announced the holding of elections on Tuesday 15th February. The current vice-dean, Sònia Baixench, will head the new list of the outgoing board, with Dean Xavier Sopena as second, with the intention of exchanging roles. It is currently the only list submitted to the election, although there are up to two days before alternative candidates run.

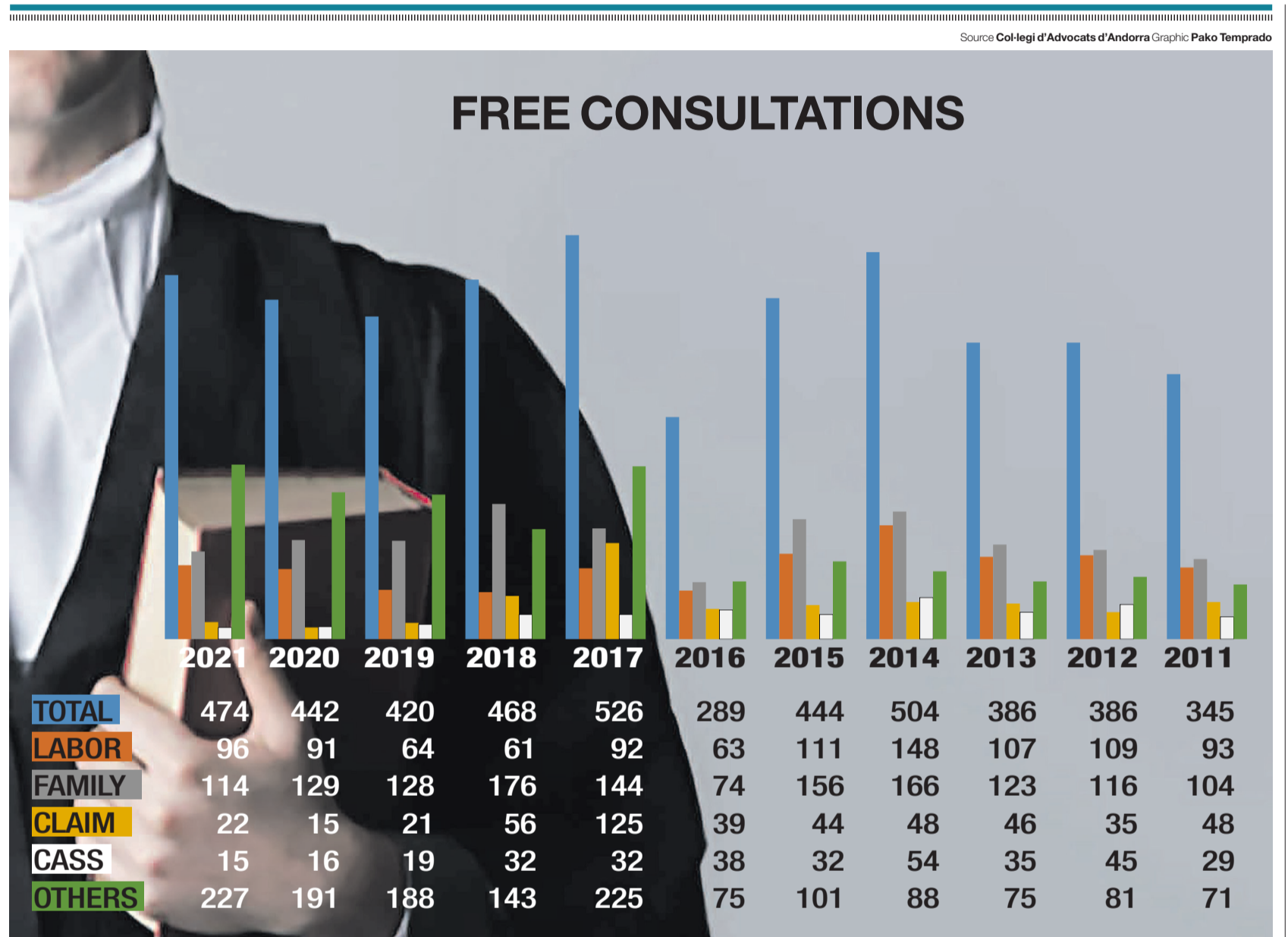
According to Sopena, justice «should be endowed with the necessary resources as there are currently shortcomings, and this is

The group will hold elections on February 15th, with Sònia Baixench as head of the list of the current board

one of the important aspects of giving this agility that is lacking.» Therefore, «more money is needed to have more cash, and it remains to be seen whether the available resources are being optimized from an organizational point of view and also how laws can be implemented,» he said.

Precisely in the legal field, the Law of administrative contention is being processed in parliament, while the Law of Civil Procedure is already being implemented, with which it is in an initial phase with the aim of streamlining procedures in a context of significant delays. In addition, there is the electronic access bill, which «will surely be an interesting tool to facilitate procedures and deployments», because «it will allow files to be consulted from different offices», Sopena explained.

As for the Justice Commission, where all the actors involved are represented, the current dean said that «it is a necessary tool», and even «it must have the vo-



Free consultations will increase by 7.3% in 2021

►► The Bar Association offers free consultations to the public every Wednesday afternoon, with the corresponding appointment. In 2021, a total of 474 were made, a figure that

represents an increase of 7.3% compared to 2020. 11% of the total were on labor issues, 39% on the family (separations, guards and custody or divorces), 11% on claims of amount, 6% on

issues related to the CASS and 33% on various issues (rents, insurance or inheritance). From one year to the next, in percentage terms, work has decreased, while family and claims have

increased. Although the absolute number of inquiries has increased in the last year, it has not been the highest recorded since 2011, as in 2014 and 2017 it exceeded 500 requests.



XAVIER SOPENA
DEAN OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION

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cation to be permanent», because «It must be the body that can understand the problems and needs, to analyze the difficulties and promote proposals.» In short, «it must be the tool that generates the debate and captures the constructive will to find solutions,» a will that «we have always defended,» Sopena said.

One of the novelties of the last few months of the administration of justice is the construction of the new headquarters, which «introduces improvements from a material point of view», since before the rooms were «small», and this «has certainly made our work easier,» said the dean of lawyers,

but» it is also true that, as it is a large building, communications with judicial interlocutors and lawyers are not always as agile and easy as before».

One of the aspects highlighted in the statement made public last Monday by the Bar Association in the balance of the two years of office is freedom of expression. In this sense, Xavier Sopena stated that «it could not be said that it is an alibi, but it is one of the principles that we defend as a group, as it is important in the exercise of our profession, because it allows «a lawyer to be free to express what he believes in the views and defense of his client,» he said. ≡

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