

GENERAL COUNCIL

Jover accepts unpaid invoices from suppliers valued in 12 million

Finance acknowledges that it has had to deal with just over one million euros of the 152 total soft loans

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The Minister of Finance and Spokesman, Eric Jover, admitted yesterday during the question session in the Government of the General Council that the Executive has accumulated delays in the payment of invoices to suppliers valued in 11.8 million euros, as in response to a question from the chairman of the Social Democratic parliamentary group, Pere López. However, Jover clarified that 30% of these bills correspond to the public sector itself and 20% to construction certifications, so that only half would affect private suppliers.

The head of Finance, who apologized to those affected by the delay, also explained the reasons for this situation. That being the case, Jover attributed the dysfunction in payments to the changes in the computer system that the process has undergone, as well as problems in human resources. In this sense, he revealed that eight people from the Administration have to deal with

Torres does not clarify whether the multifunctional will be done in La Margineda or in the Comunal Stadium or when the final decision will be made

the processing of about 35,000 invoices each year and that, in addition, an official of the accounting area would have transferred this year and that this would have affected this processing.

In addition, the Minister pointed out that the process of adapting to the change of system has caused some companies to be collecting more recent invoices and, on the other hand, they have not received the payment of some older ones, and a total of 1,200 charges from the previous year had to be reimbursed manually. At this point, Jover revealed that the ministry will conduct a pilot test so that in the future invoices will be managed directly in electronic format and not on paper.

Pere López, for his part, reproached Jover that «if the government does not comply, it is a terrible example for the citizens». Likewise, the leader of the opposition asked the Executive to assume the consequences and «not to derive the default that makes the claim, but it is the defaulter who must calculate the compensation for the delay in payment, according to the law,»



►► The opposition in the foreground and the government in the background, in the plenary of the General Council.

he said. In this regard, Jover acknowledged that the problem «is not completely resolved and that there are still overdue payments.» Therefore, «the situation will have to be analyzed and the law interpreted on a case-by-case basis, but the government will assume the compensation,» he said.

The control session in the Government also addressed, at the request of the Social Democrat councillor Joaquim Miró, the balance of soft loans that the Executive granted to companies that requested them due to the economic crisis arising from



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the pandemic of covid-19. In this regard, Jover revealed that the Government has had to deal with a total of 1.07 million euros for companies that have either gone bankrupt (six) or have been unable to meet their payments (four). He also gave the names of these companies and the value of the credit they had applied for, a week before they were reflected in the BOPA.

The Minister of Finance announced that the initiative had opened about 2,000 lines of credit for a total value of 152 million euros and that, in the first phase, it had affected about 15,000 employees, representing 49% of the country's total, with a default forecast of 18%. Currently, some companies are in the process of lending two or seven years ago and delinquency has fallen to 0.70%, a figure much lower in countries such as Spain (4.14%) or Luxembourg (7.12%).

Finally, the councillor of the PS Roger Padreny asked the Minister of Tourism and Telecommunications, Jordi Torres, about the project of the multifunctional enclosure. After considering up to seven loca-

tions, the minister reduced the options to two: the Margineda or the National Stadium. In this context, Torres explained that the Government was in the process of making a decision on the final location in colla-

boration with the Municipality of Andorra la Vella, but did not clarify when it would be taken. He ruled out any changes to the budget for this year's budget, but instead opened the door to legal changes. ≡

Esport considers it «dangerous» to link the free movement of people with security

►► The head of government, Xavier Esport, was in charge of answering the two questions posed by the non-attached councillor, Carine Montaner. Referring to the minister's concern about the negotiation of the free movement of people in the association agreement with the European Union (EU), Esport considered it «dangerous» to link it with public safety. «We have to control immigration, but whether the country is a safe place depends on many other parameters, such as proximity to borders or having a professional police force like ours,» he said. Montaner asked that the system of filters and quotas



►► Carine Montaner.

should be maintained, because otherwise «we will have another Andorra». Esport added that the agreement will not include any changes in taxation and that the government will be present at the negotiating table «until the end».

DEMOCRATES

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Dolsa defends a new model of sustainable construction in Ordino

Opposition councilor warns of imminent 'macro-project' impact



Enric Dolsa
X'ORDINO COUNSELOR

«The entrance to the parish would turn into a tunnel of buildings, which would become a disaster.»

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The councilor of X'Ordino, Enric Dolsa, defends the creation of a new model of sustainable construction in Ordino in order to preserve the rich landscape and culture of the parish without paralyzing the buildings. In this sense, Dolsa proclaimed that «it is necessary to find a formula among all the representatives of the municipality that is situated in a middle ground between an uncontrolled growth, like the one that exists today, and a total stop».

This proposal received widespread support, both from members of the corporation and from MovemOrdino's director, Sandra Tudó. Thus, the Consul General of Ordino, Josep Àngel Mortés, declared that «I totally agree with this assessment of a new proposal that will allow the parish to grow without ruining its foundations». In turn, Tudó stated that «it is impossible to stop the construction sector, but it is necessary to set aside some personal interests, seek a consensual solution, and promote the cultural aspects of the parish.»

During the joint session, the annual accounts for 2021 were reviewed and voted on, in which a surplus of 435,857.74 euros was recorded, with revenues of



► The councilor of X'Ordino, Enric Dolsa, during the session of the Ordino Municipal Council.

The plans, which are in preparation, involve the creation of several buildings at the entrance of the parish

12,533,275.95 euros and expenses of 12,097,418.21 euros. At the same time, the session was highlighted by the appreciation of the director of X'Ordino, in which he reflected on the great dependence of the corporation on the income provided by the taxes of the construction activities. In this sense, Dolsa stressed that «the in-

come from this branch represents about 10% of the total and the rest are taxes and transfers from the Government», so «it is necessary to find new projects and activities that, respecting the essence of Ordino, allow us to replace a part of this volume of tickets».

Despite the general will of the municipality to find a joint solu-

tion to the problem of buildings, the councilor of X'Ordino warned about the impact that would cause the materialization of a «large-scale project» that is currently in confection. Thus, he pointed out that «we must all come together to stop this type of project that would become a disaster for the parish,» because, according to Dolsa, «the entrance to Ordino would become a tunnel of buildings and I am convinced that 90% of the residents would be against this initiative».

In turn, Mortés stated that a study has already been carried out on water resources, but we are still «waiting for the urban growth report to assess the new projects, which will be completed by in about a month. In this regard, the Consul General recalled that this great initiative comes from the previous term, however, «no action has been taken yet, as it is necessary to study plans that would lead to a considerable increase in the population of Ordino.»



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