

HOUSING

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As part of the presentation of the annual report of the Citizen's Reasoner 2023 held last Thursday, the data relating to the number and type of files opened during the last year were presented, in which the main topic has been housing. It should be noted that in November there was a peak in terms of demands for this problem, with a total of 33. From this date, and coinciding with the entry into force of Law 24/2023 which regulates and applies measures of stimulus and stability of the housing rental market, files decrease leaving four in December and seven in

With the aim of making the institution known, talks will begin in schools in the autumn

January.

In this sense, the Citizen's Reasoner, Xavier Cañada, explained that this downward trend «has continued until today», detailing that in the month of May «we did not have any case related to housing». Figures for which Cañada made a «partially positive» reading, since it is a measure that helped families. However, he considered that «much of what we have done is postponing a problem that is latent», while warning that «probably in 2027 we will again have this high level of inquiries regarding housing».

Specifically, out of a total of 249 files dealt with, 219 correspond to this matter; that is, 63%. Going into detail, 59 of

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The Reasoner of the Citizen, Xavier Cañada, in his appearance.



XAVIER CAÑADA
CITIZEN REASONER

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these 2019 files refer to claims from the tenant against the owner, claiming a breach by the latter for not respecting the trial period.

Therefore, the landlord would be demanding the eviction of the property illegally. From the institution, this type of request was resolved by providing guidance on the law

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that assisted them and explaining which ways they can attend.

Another fact to consider is that 63% of the files related to housing are citizens who have lived in the country for 20 years, while 22.6% have lived in the Principality for between 10 and 20 years. We would

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be talking about more than 85% of housing inquiries made by people who have been in Andorra for at least a decade, and many of them more than two. A fact that Cañada described as «worrying». In terms of nationalities, 44 Spanish, 38 Andorran and 32 Portuguese would stand out. Fewer cases are that of Argentines or French, who tie with six.

«LACK OF EMPATHY» FROM THE ADMINISTRATION // On the other hand, and far below the issue of housing, social aspects related to CASS or Social Affairs have left 39 files during 2023. In reference to this point, Cañada was critical of the different public departments: «There are so-

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As for the CASS, he explained that they had many files related to them because their resolutions were not clear, although Cañada pointed out that the number of cases has already decreased after some recommendations were made by the Reasoner.

ACTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW THE REASONER

During 2024, there are minors who have gone to the Citizen's Reasoner, such as the case of a 17-year-old boy who wanted to be emancipated. Young people have also come for issues of sexual abuse, according to Cañada «after the seminar we did on sexual abuse and the media, we know that cases have come out», although «I don't know if they have been prosecuted», he stressed. Finally, and questioned about how to make the existence and possibility of attending this institution known to young people over the age of 12, the Citizen's Reasoner stated that «disclosure actions have already begun through social networks», reporting that a communication company has been hired to draw up a plan. In addition, in the autumn, talks will be held in schools to introduce the institution to the young. ●

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