

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The government will approve the price of affordable apartments next week

The first homes in Sant Julià and in the old Hotel Àrtic could be awarded before the end of the year

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The Government plans to approve next week the price of affordable rental flats that will be part of the public park, an initiative highlighted by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol. In the press conference following the Council of Ministers, where she acted as spokesperson in the absence of Guillem Casal, Marsol assured that, «if there are no obstacles, the Executive will set these prices, with the aim of immediately offering the four flats in Sant Julià de Lòria». These homes, designed for families, have four bedrooms, a feature that reinforces their ability to accommodate complete family units.

In addition, Marsol advanced that the offer of the homes in Sant Julià would be published in parallel with that of the apartments in the old Hotel Àrtic, since they already have the certifi-

cates of habitability, and only the deed is pending. The two projects will be ready for the bidders to occupy before the end of the year, a milestone that the Government considers essential in its affordable housing plan.

With regard to other ongoing projects, Marsol indicated that «the houses in Roureda de Sansa and Canillo could be available in March next year, and those in Encamp shortly after». As for the Arinsal flats, the Government expects them to be completed by August 2025. These projects are part of the desire to have around 300 affordable homes rented by the end of 2026, with the aim of surpassing the 500 flats before the end of the legislature in 2027. Along these lines, Marsol indicated that from now on she will try to offer new flats every month or month and a half, an effort which, according to the minister, shows the Government's willingness to accelerate the supply of housing to res-



The holder of the Housing portfolio, Conxita Marsol, at a press conference.



Conxita Marsol

MINISTER OF HOUSING

«We will set these prices with the aim of immediately offering the four apartments of Sant Julià de Lòria»

pond to public demand «as soon as possible».

The minister also reported on the unexpected events in the works on the building on Del Pessebre avenue, in Escaldes-Engordany, where the excavation has suffered delays. Despite this setback, the Government maintains the forecast for housing awards for next year, although it is possible that the building will not be available until the end of 2025. It should be remembered that at the beginning of October, Marsol confirmed that, up to the mentioned date, and during the six months of operation of the public housing stock register, a total of 354 people had been registered. Of these, 15% (52 applicants) received a favorable decision, while 56% (198 applicants) were rejected for not meeting the established requirements. ●

POLICE ACTION

Dismantled a flat in Escaldes-Engordany where prostitution was practiced

Several elements related to illegal activity were found

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The Andorran Police has dismantled an apartment in Escaldes-Engordany where prostitution was practiced, following the arrest of a 24-year-old woman as the alleged author of a crime against public health. The arrest took place last Tuesday, when the young woman, who arrived

in the country on a regular bus, was arrested after the agents located a jar with nearly three grams of marijuana under the seat where she was traveling, as reported by the Police.

Once at the border police stations, her luggage and personal belongings were searched, where a bag was found with 44.4 grams of tussis, a substance known as «pink cocaine», distributed in various wrappers. Despite its popular name, this drug is usually a mixture of several substances, and in this case it tested positive for ecstasy.

The arrest of the young wo-



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man led investigators to suspect that she might be involved in prostitution activities. The investigations bore fruit on Tuesday itself, when another 38-year-old woman was identified, who allegedly favored the activity and who also engaged in it. According to official sources, the tourist apartment in Escaldes-Engordany where prostitution was carried out would have been rented in her name for two months.

During the search of the property, the agents found several elements that would evidence illegal activity. The investigation, which has already been brought to court, remains open, and the Police do not rule out new arrests, as well as the possibility that the seized drugs were destined for the clients of the flat. ●

DEATH OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD CHILD

The accused for the incident reaffirms her version of events

EL PERIÒDIC
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The Sant Julià de Lòria resident, accused of taking the life of her six-year-old daughter, has been cooperative at all times with the police. Like this was confirmed by his lawyer, who explained

that the person involved acted with transparency from the first moment when the facts were discovered. As reported, «when they found her, she explained everything that had happened and took the agents to the place where the body was».

In her initial statements, the defendant admitted to having supplied her daughter with medication. «When they locate her, she states that she had already administered some pills to the girl and that she was there», explained his lawyer, adding that the woman then took the agents to the exact place where the body of the minor was. With regard to the defendant's state of mental health, it has already been confirmed that the woman

suffers from diagnosed mental disorders, among which are severe depression and anxiety, for which she was receiving specialized treatment.

The defense lawyer indicated that «two issues must now be waited for in order to continue with the case», declared the lawyer. «On the one hand, the final autopsy report of the minor must be obtained, and on the other, the formal statement of the accused», he concluded. ●

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