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GENERAL COUNCIL

Demands on personal income tax

Concòrdia, PS and Andorra Endavant criticize the lack of planning and demand measures to address the housing crisis, debt and support for families and SMEs

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The General Council experienced a key day in which the amendments to the 2025 budget presented by Concòrdia, the Social Democratic Party (PS) and Andorra Endavant (AE) were debated. The three amendments were ultimately rejected with 10 votes in favor and 17 against, allowing the Government's budget project to continue its processing.

However, the president of the Concòrdia parliamentary group, Cerni Escalé, highlighted that the budget does not address the structural problems arising from demographic growth and the low birth rate, which have an impact on the housing crisis and social cohesion. "The country is growing faster than any other in Europe in relation to its population, but we do not have policies that encourage the creation of families," he pointed out. Despite appreciating measures such as the increase in subsidies for large families, he criticized the fact that the personal income tax exemption system has not been thoroughly reviewed to make it more competitive and attract value-added companies.

For her part, the president of Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner, focused the debate on the need to rationalize public spending to reduce debt, which already exceeds 1,200 million euros. "It is not about raising taxes, but about making public manage-



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ment more efficient, eliminating unnecessary processes and reducing spending by 15%," she said. Montaner also advocated improving investment in healthcare and promoting health-



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PRESIDENT OF ANDORRA ENDAVANT

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hy habits among young people, as well as exploring alternatives such as tiny houses on public land to address the housing crisis.

From the PS, Judith Casal described the budget as a continuist one and without clear direction, assuring that "we are in a favorable economic moment, but the lack of long-term planning leads us to improvisation". She defended that the current model is not sustainable, pointing out that "of every 100 euros of the Government, 26% is allocated to salaries, 12% to goods and services, and 46% to public services, while only 13% is dedicated to debt

repayment". In this context, Casal insisted that it is necessary to "collect better, not more, and guarantee support for SMEs that constitute 90% of the country's business fabric". Despite the arguments of the opposition, the parliamentary majority rejected the amendments in their entirety, ensuring the continuity of the Government's budget project. The three groups that presented amendments agreed on the need for more strategic planning and a more rigorous approach to the management of public resources to face the country's social and economic challenges. ●

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COUNTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A total of 68 flats will be part of the public housing stock by the end of this year

Marsol details that the four flats in Sant Julià de Lòria are on offer until December 19th

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A total of 68 flats will be part of the public housing stock before the end of the year. In this way, to the four that are already on offer in Sant Julià de Lòria and the 27 that will be offered in the Tobira building number 11, before the end of the year it will be necessary to add the 27 in Sant Joan de Caselles for which the Government has already received the habitability certificate and the remaining 14 that will be completed on Roureda de Sansa street. This was explained by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, in a press conference that served to take stock of the state of the public stock.

In this way, Marsol detailed that the four flats in Sant Julià de Lòria are on offer until December 19th and that six families have applied. These are three-room apartments, so the offer is limited to this type of tenant who will have to pay 718 euros for 81 square meter apartments. The first families are expected to be able to move



The Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, and the Secretary of State for Economy, Work and Housing, Jordi Puy, during the press conference in which the state of the public housing stock was reviewed.

in after Epiphany. As for the Tobira 11 building, there are 27 apartments, of which 13 have two rooms, 13 have one and one has three, which have a price of 10.42 euros per square meter, so the cheapest will cost 495 euros and the most expensive 916 euros. In this case, the Government has already signed the agreement with the National Housing Institute (INH) for its management and it is expected that the price will be published next week in the BO-PA, from which point those interested will be able to show their interest. In fact, it is planned that the call will be open until the end

of the Christmas holidays, with which the first successful applicants could move in at the end of January. In this case, there are different types of tenants, since they can accommodate everything from young people to single-parent families and families.

Marsol also announced that the deadlines in the case of the Sant Joan de Caselles building have been accelerated and that yesterday they already received the certificate of habitability. Now the forecast is that next week the agreement for the management of the INH will pass through the Council of Ministers and that in fifteen

en days or three weeks the offer can be published. There are 23 homes, seventeen of which have a double room and six have two rooms, so the tenants can also be of different types. And before the end of the year, the executive expects the Roureda de Sansa building to be delivered, in which 14 apartments of different sizes have been enabled. Therefore, as the minister stated, by the end of the year there will be 68 apartments in the public park that “will respond to the people registered in the registry” which currently there are seventy. In this sense, the head of Housing emphasized the efforts that the executive is making to provide this park with housing with which to respond to people “with housing needs” and complemented the data by detailing that in the case of the Roureda de Sansa building they expect to have the certificate in January and that soon the 17 apartments of the Font de Ferro building will also be available. By summer, the 70 apartments in Arinsal and René Baluard would be added, that is, 90 more homes. ●

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