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16 DIVERSIONS HAVE ALSO HAD TO BE MADE

La Seu Airport records 10 cancelled flights and 242 passengers affected

Technical failures in aircraft and adverse weather conditions, the main reasons

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Andorra-La Seu Airport has recorded a total of 10 cancelled flights and 16 diversions during 2024, affecting 242 passengers. This has been confirmed by the Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné, who has underlined that the cancellations have been caused by two main causes: technical failures in aircraft and adverse weather conditions. Mechanical problems have been responsible for eight cancellations, while the weather has caused two. Regarding the diversions, these were due to the presence of snow on the runway (four cases), extreme storms (four), lack of visibility (two) and gusts of wind that compromised the safety of operations (four).

Despite these incidents, the data reflect an improvement compared to 2023, when 5% of operations were canceled, 10% were diverted and a further 5% suffered other disruptions. Forné stressed that “2024 has been an atypical year in meteorological terms, according to the AEMET and the airport manager”. In addition, the



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volume of operations has increased by 50% thanks to the incorporation of the route with Palma, while technical impacts have been reduced from 8.5% in 2023 to 2.5% in 2024.

Regarding the management of cancellations, Air Nostrum has justified the incidents due to unforeseen technical problems in the assigned aircraft, known as

Aircraft on Ground (AOG), which have required unexpected maintenance. In these cases, the company has not been able to find alternative aircraft in a reasonable time. The economic impact of these incidents for the Government of Andorra is limited, since the subsidy contract with Air Nostrum establishes that the compensation for operational

losses is calculated according to the flights actually operated. Of the 11,599 passengers transported in 2024, 242 have been affected by cancellations and have been entitled to compensation according to European Regulation 261/2004. «All these costs are borne by the air operator and not by the Government,» Forné stressed. ●

THE PERCENTAGES

50%

The volume of operations at the airport has increased by 50% thanks to the incorporation of the route with Palma.

5%

During 2023, the airport was forced to cancel 5% of the planned air operations.

2.5%

Technical impacts have been reduced from 8.5% in 2023 to 2.5% in 2024.

2.1%

Of the 11,599 passengers transported in 2024, 242 have been affected, equivalent to 2.1%.

CRITICISM OF THE OMNIBUS LAW

The PS Housing Commission urges the establishment of a law with real regulated prices

The party regrets the lack of consensus from the Government and proposes measures such as the registration of property

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The Social Democratic party highlights that the Bill for Sustainable Growth and the Right to Housing, the so-called Omnibus Law, includes the concept of «affordable price». This is a term that the president of the party, Pere Baró, has put on the table again, referring this afternoon, and in a press conference, that the text proposed by the Government and approved by the majority speaks of making «exemptions to the prohibition of foreign investment if it is intended for leases in general», which the parliamentary group considers should be, exclusively, for those that are intended for affordable prices.

For this reason, the also president of the parliamentary group has stressed that the solutions involve, above all, the creation of a Housing Fund, a Plan for the Rig-



The spokesperson for the Housing Commission of the Social Democratic party, Eva Calero, this afternoon with the president of the party, Pere Baró.

ht to Housing 2025-2029 or the modification of the so-called 'child trap', as well as providing «the necessary tools that must make this law operational», highlighting a property registry, a reference price index or a real definition of affordable price. In addition, the party has expres-



PERE BARÓ

PRESIDENT OF THE PS

«If real and efficient measures are not made available to citizens, we will never be able to get out of this general crisis»

sed its dissatisfaction with this law becoming the roadmap of the legislature, believing that it «will generate legal instability and will be inapplicable», focusing on 2027 as a year «very unpromising».

«All these proposals were discussed at a given time in the Housing Table to draw up a framework housing law and when other ministers such as Espot, Marsol or Torres were in office, and they all refuted them. All this has resulted in the 25 amendments we have presented and eight reservations, but they have obviously been rejected. It gives us the feeling that we have wasted a whole year trying to negotiate a change in legislation that will not solve the situation at all», said the general councilor. For his part, the head of the PS Housing Commission, Eva Calero, held the popular assembly called for by the Housing Coordinator this Thursday. ●

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