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# All documentation of labor abuses against Argentines is verified

Minister Marsol has promised to put an end to the irregularities

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Access to the Immigration Service and the Department of Labor.

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The Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing has expressed to the Association of Argentines in Andorra the commitment to «get to work» to stop the labor abuses that began last summer, after it was noted all the documentation related to the abuses, delivered by the Pre-

sident of the Association to the Executive in November.

This was explained by the president of Argentines in Andorra, Marcelo Ponce, who detailed that the minister will work with the Inspection area of the Department of Labor to find solutions to some issues that Argentines in Andorra complained about, as «they did not take no complaint or evidence, because they belie-

ved it would get nowhere.»

As detailed by the president of the Association, the Labor Inspectorate has been able to confirm that the companies were giving sheets supposedly signed by the workers that turned out to be false, as well as sending the workers to seek payments under de thable in La Seu d'Urgell, or the deception around the accommodation.

All this information about labor abuses was recorded in a document that Ponce delivered personally to the Government and through an email around November 20th, a document that has been 100% confirmed according to the president of the Association: «Everything that we presented about the labor abuses, from payments after the 15th-20th of each month in cash, to not giving payrolls, has been verified.»

For this reason, Ponce explained that during his call, the minister «has committed 100% to putting an end to these abuses». One of the ways they believe it can work is to modify the regulations on permits for displaced people, until a correct and definitive solution is found, so that contacts are made from Andorra, with the Andorran social security and within the regulations. Ponce pointed out that «it would be very similar to what a seasonal permit would be». Controls and inspections continue at the moment. ●



**MARCELO PONCE**  
PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINES  
IN ANDORRA

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POLITICS

# Vela asks for projects evaluated in clinical and biomedical research

He also asks if the Ethics Commission has made recommendations

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The deputy president of the Social Democratic Parliamentary Group and general counsel, Susanna Vela, submitted a battery of written questions to the Syndicate before yesterday in relation to clinical and biomedical research and innovation projects.

Vela asked the Government to



Image of Susanna Vela.

know how many projects have been evaluated by the Research Ethics Commission and how

many have been favorable and unfavorable. The General Counsel also asked about the clinical and biomedical research projects that have been carried out in Andorra or in collaboration with centers abroad since the approval of the Law, and asked for a brief description of

the research that contain the object of the research, the human resources allocated, the budget and the centers involved.

It is also questioned which projects before the approval of the Clinical and Biomedical Research Law have been evaluated by the Research Ethics Commission and which ones. Finally, Vela asked if said commission has made recommendations and action guides on certain issues related to research that guide professionals and society in general in order to guarantee respect for the dignity of people, especially in controversial situations and, if so, what they have been. ●

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## Escaldes parish bus continues to increase users in 2023

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The Escaldes-Engordany on-demand bus has not stopped adding users since it was launched in June 2021. 2023 was no exception and closed with a total of 81,786 passengers, a number to which must be added the 15,305 who used the new Engolasters line, which was put into operation in June of last year as a regular line.

In this way, in 2022 the bus

on demand closed with a total of 41,385 users, a figure that, as can be seen, doubled last year. In total, this communal service completed 61,835 trips in 2023, i.e. completed transport requests, bearing in mind that in each of these requests there may be more than one user to transport.

With regard to the service in Engolasters, it should be remembered that before June last year, trips to this point in the parish were made via on-

demand bus. The Municipality decided to launch a regular line and this bet has led to an increase in the volume of users, as evidenced by the fact that between the month of March (therefore, before the new line) and October (already with the new service underway) the increase is a further 6.4%, specifically from the 6,704 trips completed in March to 7,135.

Taking these data into account, the Municipalities assessed that «there has been a go-

od acceptance of the new service and its operation». And they recalled that with the changes in timetables and frequencies that have been made and that were implemented in the autumn, «a response has been given to the demands for improvement of the users».

In June of last year, the Municipality made the decision to make changes to this service, the first of which was to enable a regular line to Engolasters. Secondly, it was decided that the on-demand bus would have, in the central part of the parish, a series of stops where users must take these buses, reports the ANA. ●

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