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## COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

# The pilot test of flights with Palma de Mallorca will have zero cost for the Government

The new air route has transported 2,594 passengers in three months

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The new air route that connects Andorra - La Seu d'Urgell airport with Palma de Mallorca has closed its three-month pilot test with 2,594 people transported and an average occupancy of 70%. This was confirmed last Wednesday by the Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné, who was very satisfied with the results obtained, emphasizing that the cost to be paid by the Government of Andorra will be zero euros: «We trusted 100% in the transversal work carried out with Andorra Tourism and we are very satisfied that it has been consolidated in an organic way», he pointed out.

And as Forné took it upon himself to remind, the initial amount of the offer was 220,000 euros, but the good functioning of the route has meant that this has be-



The Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transport and Mobility, David Forné.

### THE FIGURES

**2,594**

The pilot test that has connected both airports has transported a total of 2,594 passengers

**70%**

The average of all flights made during these three months was 70%

**81%**

The highest average recorded was 81%, seen during the month of February

**94%**

The highest peak of occupancy in the different lines of action of the air route was 94%

en reduced to a total free of charge by the Executive: «The Government will not have to alloca-

te this money, which would go down to zero in the best of scenarios and depending on employ-

ment and average income.»

Air Nostrum has been the company in charge of making the aforementioned air route effective, after winning the competition started last December. Thus, the duration of the pilot test has been extended for 13 weeks, with two weekly frequencies and an ATR 72 aircraft, which has «perfect characteristics for this airport». The aircraft has a capacity of 3,744 available seats, thus meeting the 70% average occupancy. The highest peak was 94% in one of the flights, while the highest average was seen in February, with 81%. On the possibility of extending the route during the summer months, Forné stated that the feasibility of doing so will be explored, noting, however, that by next December and until April 2025 the line will already will work on its own: «A competition will be held with a forecast similar to the current one, but there will be no need for a financial contribution from the Government because the companies will already be interested in operating».

However, the Secretary of State indicated that work is still needed. ●

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The Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, during the press conference following the Council of Ministers.

## The Government encourages Copsia to report for labor intrusion

Casal affirms that the Executive has not received any complaint regarding the philosopher's case

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Questioned about the alleged case of workplace intrusion by a philosopher reported by the Official College of Psychologists of Andorra, minister spokesman Guillem Casal stated that they are not yet aware of any official complaint, although encouraging Copsia to make it effective so that the Executive can act. «We do not have any formal complaint regarding this issue, but if there is one, the Go-

vernment will analyze it and the corresponding sanctioning file will be opened», indicated Casal, stressing that, even, it could be possible to process a possible sanction by governmental bodies. The minister spokesperson also wanted to point out that «we are attentive to all these situations of intrusion», referring to the call launched in order to fill the positions of labor inspectors that are currently vacant. «They are an indispensable tool to be able to fight against intrusion and avoid cases of labor in-

terference», he added. In this line, Casal emphasized that the Law on qualified professions establishes the need to create this body of inspectors, which is why these first positions have already been budgeted for.

We remember that the public complaint by Copsia became effective yesterday following the publication of a video by resident YouTuber Christian Vidal, who claimed that he was looking for personal growth through aid by the philosopher David Murias. ●

### Greater diplomatic representation in Europe

Agreed on the appointment and mobility of the ambassadors of Andorra, who will take possession of the position once they are effectively appointed after receiving the approvals from the countries of destination, with the aim of complying with the principles of mobility inherent in international diplomacy and of continuing to extend diplomatic representation in Europe.

### 40,000 euros for the Red Cross Committee

The Government approves a voluntary contribution of 40,000 euros in favor of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), highlighting its work on the ground, even in areas where only the organization has access. Of these, 10,000 euros will be allocated to the ICRC's regular budget, while the other 30,000 euros will be for activities on the ground.

### New strategic axes of research

The strategic axes of research for the period 2024-2027 will be sustainability, tourism and climate change, urban planning and resilience, the study of the country's cultural and natural heritage, and education and technology. Projects that have a significant direct impact on these subjects will receive an additional score during the program selection process.