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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Casal, on Plan's resignation: «There is a divergent view of the situation»

The minister spokesperson declares that the Government is working to solve the problem.

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The resignation of Josep Maria Pla as director of the National Housing Institute is confirmed, although «no formal resignation has taken place so far», as mentioned by the minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal. This decision comes a week after it was announced, by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Labor and Housing, Conxita Marsol, that the INH would be given the responsibility of managing the applications of people who want to access an affordable housing. Casal remarked that the decision was made because a «divergent view on the situation» had been presented, although insisting on the fact that it must be remembered that «the appointment of Plan took place with a different minister in charge of housing, the minister Víctor Filloy, who also started all the work on the public housing stock».

However, Plan received the appointment as president from the birth of the institution, with



The Minister of the Presidency, Conxita Marsol, during the meeting of the Economic and Social Council.



CONXITA MARSOL

MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY, ECONOMY, WORK AND HOUSING

“Josep Maria Pla's resignation from the position of president does not in any way constitute an obstacle”

Xavier Esport's first term as head of government of the Principality. In addition, Casal explained that the withdrawal of the position of president of the INH by Plan should not «in any case be a hindrance», adding that it should be remembered that «minister Marsol also announced last week that she attributed more tasks and powers to the INH».

On the other hand, with respect to the question about the preparation of the National Housing Institute for a possible avalanche of applications, Casal stated that «the regulations attribute that the power belongs to the Ministry of Housing, or, of the National Housing Institute». An issue that means that «beyond the situation that the Institute has now, the regulation will go ahead with access to the first floors that the Government has put at an affordable price». So, the resignation comes at a time when the new housing regulations make many entities and administrations involved take on tasks of the utmost importance and complexity.●

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Councilors during the Ordino municipal council session.

A legal report prompts Ordino to review the classification of the land

Coma will have to «go backwards», since the report says that it is difficult to maintain the classification of non-developable.

ANNA MENCOS VIÑALS
ORDINO

The report that is being generated by the legal advisor of the Municipality of Ordino to study more than 200 allegations that were made in the Urbanism Plan has shown that «it is very difficult to maintain the qualification of non-developable for these lands and, therefore, these lands should be re-studied and re-designated,» proving all the landowners right. It was councilor Enric Dolsa who started the trouble by asking when all the allegations could be known, a date that seems to be at the beginning of April once Easter has finished. The Consul Major, Maria del Mar Coma pointed out that in the previous mandate they had the priority of protecting the territory and the surroundings of the parish and for this reason it was decided that it would be done in this way. Now, however, this legal report would prove the truth to all the landowners who claimed that many of the lands

where it was possible to build on are now classified as non-developable areas.

Faced with this situation, although Coma assured that «we will not back down», they will have to study the issue again and re-designated these lands: «If the private lands cannot be qualified as non-developable, what we will have to do is to see what we do. We have to look at what protection measures we put in place: if we lower density, if we lower buildability, now is what we have to work on.»

Another of the issues that focused the session of the Municipal

Council was the approval of the 2024 budget, with the abstention of the minority. The forecast for the year 2024 has revenues of 15,544,856€ and expenses of 19,236,539.75€. The expected difference of 4,611,684€ will be covered by the remaining treasury available from the Municipality. In the investment chapter to which 5,621,083€ is allocated, the remodeling of the Hotel Casamanya (1,209,000€) stands out; the splitting of the drinking water network (800,000€), and the remodeling of the water and relaxation area of the CEO (500,000€).

It was precisely this point that caused the minority councilors, Enric Dolsa and Jordina Bringué to abstain. During the subsequent statements, Dolsa stated that «it is not because we find that what happens is wrong that there are many things that fail to mention. Until we have definitive projects on the table, we cannot share them if we do not know them», pointed out the councilor, adding that once they have them, they will be able to submit allegations if necessary.

Albós pointed out that in terms of current expenditure, the budget is 13,165,456€, where the application of the CPI stands out. The increase in expenditure on goods and services is generated by the integration of the new drinking water and sewerage service, integrated into the Maintenance and Public Services department. The expenses derived from the implementation of electronic administration and compliance with the 2030 Agenda are other reflected commitments. ●



ENRIC DOLSA

COUNSELOR OF THE MINORITY

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MARIA DEL MAR COMA

CONSUL MAJOR

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