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The PS denounces the lack of commitment to abortion

Judith Salazar denounces the Government's lack of commitment this year

Maria Nazzaro argues that the country must guarantee when and with whom a woman wants to have children

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The Andorra Social Democratic Party announced yesterday its dissatisfaction with the Government on the issue of abortion. As Judith Salazar explained in a press conference, on March 15th, 2022 the Government met with the PS to discuss possible decriminalization, in addition to the possibility that some cases would enter the Andorran Security Fund (CASS), but after a year they have no response, the party assures.

Salazar reported that «we are at the same point where we were a year ago, we have had four or five meetings this year where we have gone behind from the first» and in the context of elections «we want to be loyal to our political thinking. That is why we disagree with the Abortion Board, since there is no will to work on anything on the part of the executive», informed the minister, and believes that «we have let us be fooled by them, because we have not continued with a line of defense work.» and argued that «considering the issue of abortion from the point of view of giving permission to the Vatican, I don't know if as a State it leaves us in a good place.» So, Salazar explained that «we don't want the Vatican to decide on abortion, we want the Andorran people to do it».

After the first meeting, a report was requested from Doctor Montalvo, where the medical conclusion was that an abortion could be carried out as long as the state guaranteed pregnant women all possible options, either to continue with the abortion or reverse the decision, the councilor reported yesterday. She assured that «this report was already written before the first meeting». She also informed that from the social democratic party they want to decriminalize «free and at-home abortion»

On the other hand, the Social De-



►► Press conference.

mocratic Youth coordinator of Andorra, Maria Nazzaro argued that the country «must guarantee that a woman can decide how many children, at what point she wants to have them and with whom» and «we continue to fight, already that we believe in this right», and believed that «since abortion is illegal, women who consider it are criminalized».

That is why the PS asks that «the two articles that are currently in the personal code can be removed, in which on-

ly the women and the doctors who implement it appear», explained Maria Nazzaro and argued that «it is discriminatory in itself that it is in the Penal Code, as well as that only women appear, as if the fact of getting pregnant only has to do with them».

The PS explained that an abortion could not be done during the entire period of pregnancy, only during a period, since otherwise it could be dangerous for the fetus or the woman.

It should be noted that the United

Nations Organization has defined the right of access as a human right. In addition, the social democratic party recalled yesterday that the only countries in Europe where abortion is still illegal are Vatican City, Malta and Andorra.

Finally, the president of Som Acció, Judith Pallarés, yesterday posted on her Instagram account a story with her electoral program, where she assured that they would decriminalize abortion. ≡



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Upward trend with 95,320 vehicles in the car park

In 2022 there has been an increase of 2.3% with 2,185 more vehicles than the previous year

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Last year's trend continues upwards with the car fleet in the Principality. In fact, there are more vehicles than inhabitants in the country, on December 31st there were 95,320 vehicles, 2,185 more than the previous year, which represents an increase of 2.3% compared to the figures at the end of 2021.

By vehicle category, the number of passenger cars is the highest, with 1,397 more units, reaching the figure of 64,242 passenger cars in 2022, which is equivalent to 2.2% more than the previous year. The number of motorcycles and mopeds equals 17,753 units, with a variation of 600 more compared to the previous year, representing an increase of 3.5%. The number of trucks and vans also increased compared to 2021, specifically by 2.3%, with a total of 6,697. Finally, the volume of other vehicles at the end of last year was 6,628, with an increase of 38, with a variation of 0.6% compared to the previous year.

In the historical evolution of the car park, high and constant annual increases can be observed from 1999 to 2008, when the figure exceeded 76,000 vehicles, and this value remains stable until 2013. In the last nine years, the upward trend has resumed, motivated mainly by the rise of passenger cars and motorcycles, as indicated by the Government Statistics department.

Regarding the type of energy, last year practically all groups of vehicles showed positive variations compared to the previous year. As for the most numerous, the group that increases the most is gasoline (representing 49% of vehicles), with 1,502



►► Cars in a parking lot in Andorra.

Hybrid vehicles (both plug-in and non-plug-in) increase by 51.1% compared to the previous year

more units, which represents an increase of 3.3%. The diesel group (43.7% of vehicles) decreased by 222 units, which represents a decrease of 0.5%.

It is worth noting the continued increase shown by 100% electric vehicles, which already represent 0.8% of the total number of vehicles in the fleet, and in 2022 their number has increased to 169 units, an increase of 29.9% compared to the year 2021. As for hybrid vehicles (both

plug-in and non-plug-in), the global number of these cars grows by 695 units, which is equivalent to an increase of 51.1% in relation to the previous year. Finally, the vehicles in the group without fuel increase their number by 1%, with 41 more units compared to 2021.

Taking into account the data from the end of last year, and according to the type of vehicle, there are 787 passenger cars, 218 motorcycles or mopeds and a total of 1,168 vehi-

cles for every 1,000 inhabitants. The ratios of passenger cars and vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants decrease slightly compared to the data for the year 2021, while that of motorcycles and mopeds increases by 0.9%.

This year there has been no change in the list of the top ten brands: Seat is consolidated in sixth position and Peugeot in tenth while Volkswagen leads the ranking. ≡

Energy consumption increased by 0.6% in January

Ski resorts, hotels and restaurants have positive variations

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The total consumption of energy in the country during the month of January this year was 66,070 MWh, a figure that represents an increase of 0.6% compared to the same month in 2022. As published this Monday by the Department of Statistics, in addition, 59,955 MWh were imported during January, which repre-

sents an increase of 2.8% compared to the same period previously. Conversely, the energy produced in Andorra has fallen by 16.7%.

With respect to the data accumulated over the last twelve months, consumption has been 564,269.6 MWh, which represents an increase of 4.2% compared to the same previous period. Of this consumption, 462,565.5 MWh have been imported, which reflects a positive interannual variation of 6.5%, while 101,734.3 have been produced in the country, 5.4% less than in January 2022. ≡



►► FEDA building.

Eight out of ten adults can drive

The number of women with driving licenses increases by 2.0%

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Approximately eight out of ten people of legal age have a driving license, being approximately nine out of ten men and approximately seven out of ten women, according to data published by the Department of Statistics.

The number of people with a driving license on December 31st,

2022 is 53,457, with a positive annual variation of 2.6%. The number of current categories was 195,451, which represents a negative percentage change of 1.7% compared to the previous year. The most numerous categories in 2022 are the B1 (50,526), which decreases by 1.6% compared to 2021, followed by the LC with 49,424, and the A1 with 44,122, both decrease by 3.7% and 0.2%, respectively. The only group of people with a permit, by age, that decreases is the 16-19 year old and not significantly. ≡

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