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SOCIAL SECURITY

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The Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS) building.

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ANDORRA LA VELLA

The board of directors of the CASS has made public this Wednesday the financial statements of the organization corresponding to 2023, data that have already been transmitted to the Government for its subsequent approval. A 7.9% increase in expenses related to general branch services stands out.

The costs of health benefits have reached 128 million,

which represents an increase of 8.9% compared to the previous year. In the same way, the costs of economic benefits (leaves, disability pensions and orphans' pensions) have represented a total of 68.3 million euros, 5.9% more compared to 2022.

Regarding the income from contributions of the general branch, there is an increase of 12.7%. Specifically, the total income from contributions from employees and self-employed workers amounts to 154.1 mi-

llion euros, while the income from contributions from CASS financial benefits (pensions and leave) has reached 16, 3 million

In parallel, and in relation to the retirement branch, benefit expenses have risen by 13.8%. If the data is analyzed, it can be seen how the costs of contributory pensions have increased by 13.9% (146.5 million euros) and those of non-contributory pensions have increased by 11% (seven million of euros).

With regard to the chapter of income from contributions of the retirement branch, they have risen by 12.3% compared to 2022. Specifically, the total income from contributions from employees and self-employed workers has reached 176.9 millions of euros; income from CASS financial benefit contributions (pensions and leave) at 4.6 million; and Government transfers to finance non-contributory pensions have reached seven million. ●

TOURISM

Hotels will have an occupancy of up to 85% for Easter

From EL PERIÒDIC we have contacted different establishments so that they can provide us with the details

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ESCALDES-ENGORDANY

Easter is coming and during these festive days many people bet on the Principality as a destination for tourists looking to enjoy good weather, adventure and ski slopes. With hotel occupancy ranging between 74% and 85%, from EL PERIÒDIC we have contacted several hotel establishments in the country to tell us what their occupancy is for these Easter days.

From the Acta Arthotel of the parish of Andorra la Vella, they explain that they are almost fully booked, with an average of 85% occupancy for the next few days: «We have 85% today, 93% occupancy for tomorrow Friday; and then at the weekend we have 90% employment on Saturday and 80% on Sunday», explained one of the workers, who also pointed out that one of the reasons why they have these good employment figures is because they have all the organization of the Sax Fest Andorra installed in the hotel, but which, despite this, continue to have many tourists. In terms of nationalities, most of the people who are staying at the establishment these days are of Spanish nationality, and they state that the average number of days of stay is 50-50 with reservations of shorter duration and ot-

hers who stay until Monday: «I have some who have already come until Monday, others who are coming today until Monday, but then I have reservations for a single night, there is a bit of everything. There are also many people who stay until Monday for the Sax Fest». Regarding last-minute bookings, he points out that there have been some, but nothing out of the ordinary.

On the other hand, from the Hotel Fènix, located in the parish of Escaldes-Engordany, they comment that the day they have the most occupancy will be Friday, with 74% occupancy and that after that it starts to drop a little this number.

They also detail that this year, for the Easter holidays, they have had a 15% higher occupancy than the previous year, a figure that could have been increased due to the fact that last year Easter fell on April.

From the Fènix Hotel they also point out that most of the people they will have during these days have arrived between yesterday and today, and that the stay will be until Sunday.

As for the Hotel Anyós Park, located in the parish of La Massana, from Thursday to Sunday they have an average of 86% occupancy, a figure that drops considerably compared to Monday, when the number of reservations they



Archive image of hotels in the parish of Andorra la Vella.

Most of the tourists who will visit the Principality these days will extend their stay until Sunday

On Monday the figures will start to decrease, reaching 33% in some of the establishments

have is 33%. The hotel points out that this is a similar number to the one they had last year for Holy Week, and that, as happened last year, this year the majority of visitors are of Spanish and Portuguese nationality.

Finally, from the Sport Hotel Hermitage Spa they explain that the occupancy for these days is at 80%, and detail that, in their case, the visitors' stay began during the week: «We had more people from Monday to Friday rather than the one we will have during the weekend». ●

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