

SUMMARY

Summary of Report 29/2015, relating to the Aran General Council elections in 2015

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The Public Audit Office for Catalonia has issued Report 29/2015, relating to the Aran General Council elections held in 2015, in accordance with its Annual Programme of Activities.

The report, presented by the Chairman, Mr Jaume Amat, was approved by the Audit Office Board at its meeting on 15 December 2015.

The aim of the report is to offer an opinion on the regularity of the election accounts presented by the political groups which have obtained representation at the Aran General Council and, in the event of detecting any irregularities, to propose the non-awarding or reduction of their electoral subsidies.

This report has been issued bearing in mind the regulations pertaining to subsidies and controls over election accounts. The Audit Office Board, at its meeting on 19 May 2015, approved the instructions for the auditing of election accounts for the Aran General Council elections to be held on 24 May 2015.

As regards limitations to the scope of the work carried out, it must be emphasized that a full review of the electoral expenditures and revenues of the different political groups covered by the assignment would require a full-scale audit of all the ordinary financial activity of those groups.

The Aran valley is divided into six electoral constituencies, corresponding to the six historical districts known as *terçons*. The Aran General Council is composed of thirteen members.

The results of the elections held on 24 May 2015 were as follows:

Electoral results for the Aran General Council elections of 24 May 2015

Candidature	Electoral results	Computable votes	Councillors
Convergència Democràtica Aranesa – Partit Nacionalista Aranès (CDA-PNA)	1,972	1,972	7
Unitat d'Aran – Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya – Candidatura de Progrés (UA-PSC-CP)	2,193	1,900	5
Partit Renovador Arties-Garòs (PRAG)	130	130	1
Partit Popular (PP)	178	-	-
Corròp Quate Lòcs (CQL)	177	-	-
Blank and void votes	217	-	-
Total	4,867	4,002	13

Source: Prepared internally based on the Edict issued by Lleida Provincial Electoral Board on 29 May 2015.

After reviewing the election accounts and expenditure vouchers submitted by each political group, the Audit Office checked compliance with the expenditure limits established by electoral legislation.

The amounts which each political group is eligible to receive in electoral subsidies are as follows:

Electoral subsidies

Candidature	Subsidy for general expenses	Mailing subsidy	Total subsidies	Proposed reduction	Subsidy payments pending
CDA-PNA	3,186.64	1,602.41	4,789.05	-	4,789.05
UA-PSC-CP	2,561.20	-	2,561.20	-	2,561.20
PRAG	305.88	-	305.88	-	305.88
Total	6,053.72	1,602.41	7,656.13	-	7,656.13

Amounts in euros.

Source: Prepared internally.

In the Conclusions section of the report the following points are made:

- All the political groups required to do so submitted their election accounts to the Public Audit Office for Catalonia before the deadline.
- All the political groups complied with the statutory overall maximum limit for general electoral expenditure and the sublimits for advertising.
- Based on the aim and scope of this report, the Public Audit Office proposes that there should not be any reductions to or non-awarding of the envisaged electoral subsidies.

Finally, the report includes a series of findings and one recommendation arising from the audit work carried out.

This summary is solely for information purposes. The audit report –in Catalan, Spanish and Occitan (Aranese)– can be consulted at www.sindicatura.cat.