

Meeting of the Public Expenditure and Audit Committee

# **Public Expenditure and Audit Committee**

The Public Expenditure and Audit Committee (hereinafter—Committee) is a standing committee whose functions include ensuring parliamentary scrutiny of public expenditure and monitoring parliamentary budget and economy.

# Establishment and Structure of the Committee

The Committee is established by the Saeima. The Committee elects from its members Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary. The number of Committee members representing each parliamentary group is proportional to the number of seats the relevant parliamentary group has in the Saeima. Currently, the Committee consists of 16 members. Its Chair is Gatis Liepiņš, Deputy Chair is Andris Kulbergs, and Secretary is Andrejs Celapīters.

### **Functions of the Committee**

## Monitoring parliamentary budget and economy

The Committee is responsible for auditing the Saeima's bookkeeping records, efficiency and legality of expenditure. The annual financial statements of the Saeima are audited by a certified auditor selected through a call for tenders. The auditor reports the results of the audit to the Committee, which provides a report on the annual financial statement audit to the Presidium of the Saeima.

## Parliamentary scrutiny of public expenditure

To fulfil this function, upon its own initiative, the Committee considers topical issues related to public expenditure, reviews the State Audit Office's public expenditure, compliance and efficiency audit findings, monitors adherence to the timeframes for implementation of the State Audit Office's recommendations, assesses the measures taken by the audited institutions in implementing the State Audit Office's recommendations, within the scope of its competence suggests and proposes measures that public authorities and organisations should take to eliminate the identified shortcomings, provides a report for the approval of the



Gatis Liepiņš, Chair of the Committee

Saeima about the Cabinet of Ministers' annual financial statement concerning the implementation of the State budget and local government budgets. The Committee is also responsible for submitting opinions regarding legislative proposals under joint assignment procedures. It is also entitled to initiate legislative proposals within the scope of its competence.

#### Convocation Name Tenure 5<sup>th</sup> Saeima Alfrēds Žīgurs 27.07.1993-06.11.1995 6<sup>th</sup> Saeima Ervids Grinovskis 16.11.1995-02.11.1998 Ingrīda Ūdre 12.11.1998-10.06.1999 7<sup>th</sup> Saeima Pāvels Maksimovs 10.06.1999-04.11.2002 8<sup>th</sup> Saeima Aigars Pētersons 21.11.2002-06.11.2006 9<sup>th</sup> Saeima Andris Bērzinš 20.11.2006-02.11.2010 08.11.2010-17.10.2011 10<sup>th</sup> Saeima Andris Bērziņš 11<sup>th</sup> Saeima 25.10.2011-04.11.2014 Elīna Siliņa 12<sup>th</sup> Saeima Andris Bērziņš 07.11.2014-06.11.2018 Kaspars Girgens 20.11.2018-11.06.2021 13th Saeima Reinis Znotiņš 11.06.2021-01.11.2022 Rihards Kozlovskis 23.11.2022-20.09.2023 14<sup>th</sup> Saeima Viktorija Baire 26.09.2023-25.04.2024. Gatis Liepiņš Since 25.04.2024.

### **Chairs of the Public Expenditure and Audit Committee**

# Working format of the Committee

The Committee holds one or two meetings per week. Meetings are open to the public, but the Committee may decide to hold a closed meeting. The Committee holds on average 70 meetings per year, including visiting meetings. The agendas of the Committee meetings and the adjoined materials are available on the Saeima website *www.saeima.lv.* ■

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