



PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY COMMITTEE



Ivars Puga, Chairman of the Parliamentary Inquiry Committee

The Inquiry Committee was established as a standing committee in 1993 during the 5th Saeima.

In all the convocations, the Committee has been one of the largest committees. Currently, there are 15 members in the Committee. The Chairperson of the Committee is Ivars Puga (KPV LV); and the Secretary – Gundars Daudze (Union of Greens and Farmers). According to the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima, the Committee must have at least one MP from each parliamentary group of the Saeima. The number of Committee members is proportional to the number of seats the relevant parliamentary group has in the Saeima. The administrative work of the Committee is performed by one staff member of the Committee.

No fewer than ten MPs may submit written inquiries to the members of the Cabinet of Ministers. Unless the submitters have qualified their inquiry as urgent, it is forwarded to the Inquiry

Committee. The Prime Minister or the relevant line minister is invited to attend the Committee meeting during which the inquiry is being considered.

The Committee considers the inquiry within two weeks and submits its opinion to the Presidium. The opinion is substantiated by the Committee's reasons and voting results.

The Committee may submit a draft resolution concerning an inquiry, including the expression of no confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers, the Deputy Prime Minister, a minister or a state minister.

The Saeima decides whether to accept or reject the submitted inquiry. Chapter 5 of Division V of the Rules of Procedure contains a detailed procedure for processing parliamentary inquiries.

Along with its main duties (consideration of inquiries), the Committee is actively involved in addressing publicly relevant issues and hearing the explanations and opinions of public authorities, sectoral experts and NGOs.

Members of the Committee have decided to hold meetings once a week on Wednesday. Usually the meetings are open to the public.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Convocation	Name	Tenure
5 th Saeima	Gundars Bērziņš	27.07.1993 – 06.11.1995
6 th Saeima	Juris Celmiņš	16.11.1995 – 12.03.1997
	Pēteris Tabūns	12.03.1997 – 02.11.1998
7 th Saeima	Jānis Bunkšs	12.11.1998 – 03.06.1999
	Ilmārs Geige	03.06.1999 – 04.11.2002
8 th Saeima	Augusts Brigmanis	19.11.2002 – 06.11.2006
9 th Saeima	Augusts Brigmanis	20.11.2006 – 02.11.2010
10 th Saeima	Augusts Brigmanis	08.11.2010 – 17.10.2011
	Artis Pabriks	21.10.2011 – 03.11.2011
11 th Saeima	Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš	03.11.2011 – 21.12.2011
	Romualds Ražuks	21.12.2011 – 04.11.2014
12 th Saeima	Augusts Brigmanis	10.11.2014 – 06.11.2018
13 th Saeima	Linda Liepiņa	21.11.2018 – 18.12.2019
	Ivars Puga	Since 18.12.2019

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