



# PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

## ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

The Committee is established by the Saeima. The Committee elects from its members a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and a 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 18 members. Its Chairman is Reinis Znotiņš (New Conservatives), the Deputy Chairperson is Krišjānis Feldmans (New Conservatives) and the Secretary is Ilze Indriksone (National Alliance “All for Latvia!” – “For Fatherland and Freedom/LNNK”).

## FUNCTIONS

### MONITORING PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET AND ECONOMY

In order to implement the function, the Committee audits bookkeeping records, compliance and efficiency of expenditure, and annual financial statements. During the reporting period, the Committee may selectively audit the Parliament’s financial items. The annual financial statements of the Saeima are audited



Reinis Znotiņš, Chair of the Public Expenditure and Audit Committee

by a certified auditor selected through a call for tenders. The Committee provides reports on the annual financial statement audit to the Presidium of the Saeima.

### PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

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 by setting or extending the deadlines for the agreed

timeframes of the State Audit Office, assesses the measures taken by the audited institutions in implementing the State Audit Office’s recommendations, within the scope of its competence proposes measures that public authorities and organisations should take to eliminate the identified shortcomings, provides a report for the approval of the Saeima about the Cabinet of Ministers’ annual financial statement concerning the implementation of the State budget and local government budgets.

The Committee is also competent to comment legislative proposals under joint assignment procedures. It is also entitled to initiate legislative proposals within the scope of its competence.

## CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEE

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
7 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Ingrīda Ūdre	12.11.1998 – 10.06.1999
	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 Bērziņš	20.11.2006 – 02.11.2010
10 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Andris Bērziņš	04.11.2010 – 17.10.2011
11 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Elīna Siliņa	25.10.2011 – 04.11.2014
12 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Andris Bērziņš	07.11.2014 – 06.11.2018
13 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Kaspars Ģirģens	20.11.2018 – 11.06.2021
	Reinis Znotiņš	Since 11.06.2021.

## WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Every week, the Committee holds two meetings. 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](http://www.saeima.lv).

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