



NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE



■ Māris Kučinskis, Chairperson of the National Security Committee

After the restoration of Latvia's independence, on 15 July 1993, the newly elected 5th Saeima set up the National Security Committee (hereinafter – Committee) along with other standing committees.

The Committee supervises and performs parliamentary scrutiny over national security agencies. There are three such agencies established in the National Security Law: Constitution Protection Bureau, Military Intelligence and Security Service, and State

Security Service (previously known as Security Police). The Committee Chairperson is a member of the National Security Council.

The responsibilities and rights of the Committee, as defined in special laws, are as follows:

- To assess and approve draft budgets of national security agencies
- To exercise parliamentary scrutiny over the activities and use of budget funds of national security agencies

- To hear reports by the Cabinet of Ministers and heads of national security agencies about the work of national security agencies, as well as to consider results from the supervision of the activities of these agencies
- To consider proposals for the approval to office or dismissal of the Director of the Constitution Protection Bureau
- To examine the National Security Plan after it has been elaborated and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers
- To hear reports and overviews by the heads of national security agencies, as well as to review working documents and information of these agencies, except documents on sources of confidential information.

Currently, each parliamentary group of the Saeima is represented in the Committee by one member. The Chairperson of the Committee is Māris Kučinskis (Union of Greens and Farmers), the Deputy Chairperson is Inese Libiņa-Egnere (NEW UNITY) and the Secretary is Daniels Pavļuts (“Development/For!”).

MPs that have been elected to the Committee must obtain a first-level security clearance to access secret information and they must also obtain a certificate necessary for working with documents of the EU and NATO.

According to the decision of the Committee's members, the meetings of the Committee are closed and classified.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Convocation	Name	Tenure
5 th Saeima	Andrejs Panteļevs	21.07.1993. līdz 06.11.1995
6 th Saeima	Odisejs Kostanda	16.11.1995. līdz 24.01.1996
	Andrejs Panteļevs	01.02.1996. līdz 02.11.1998
7 th Saeima	Andrejs Panteļevs	12.11.1998. līdz 04.11.2002
	Vilis Krištopans	15.11.2002. līdz 30.09.2004
8 th Saeima	Jānis Šmits	30.09.2004. līdz 27.01.2005
	Indulis Emsis	27.01.2005. līdz 06.11.2006
	Dzintars Jaundžeikars	20.11.2006. līdz 26.03.2009
9 th Saeima	Māris Kučinskis	08.04.2009. līdz 24.05.2010
	Dzintars Jaundžeikars	24.05.2010. līdz 02.11.2010
10 th Saeima	Gundars Daudze	08.11.2010. līdz 04.08.2011
11 th Saeima	Valdis Zatlers	24.10.2011. līdz 04.11.2014
12 th Saeima	Solvita Ābolčiņa	06.11.2014. līdz 11.01.2018
	Inese Libiņa-Egnere	17.01.2018. līdz 06.11.2018
13 th Saeima	Māris Kučinskis	Since 21.11.2018

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