

The first meeting of the Subcommittee on Public Sector Auditing, focusing on ALSAI's 2025 Draft Budget and the Performance Audit Report "Care for the Elderly"

On November 12th 2024, it was held the first meeting of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Public Sector Auditing. The two items on the agenda were the review of the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution's (ALSAI) draft budget for 2025 and the presentation of the performance audit report "Care for the Elderly".

The session chaired by Ms. Emilia Koliqi, Chair of the Subcommittee, focused on the hearing of the draft budget with the presence of ALSAI representatives. The meeting was attended by Ms. Valbona Gaxha, Secretary General; Ms. Brunilda Zeneli, Director of the Directorate for Relations with the Parliamentary Subcommittee; and Ms. Alketa Kalleshi, Authorising Officer.

Ms. Valbona Gaxha explained that, in preparing the medium-term budget requests for 2025–2027, the priorities remain increasing the number of employees due to the growing demand for audits from stakeholders, IT investments aimed at strengthening cybersecurity, and approval of the funds calculated for the celebration of the institution's 100th anniversary.

The Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Sector Auditing, Ms. Emilia Koliqi, stated that the report containing ALSAI's requests would be forwarded to the Committee on Economy and Finance for consideration, following the reconciliation of the requests with the Ministry of Finance.

Following the hearing on the draft budget, the meeting continued with the presentation of the performance audit report "Care for the Elderly". Ms. Arminda Bushi, auditor at ALSAI, presented a summary of the main audit findings, highlighting the insufficient number of staff providing services in residential centres, as well as the lack of infrastructure and access needed to provide services to the elderly in accordance with the required standards, among other issues.