THE BUDGET OFFICE OF THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT:
Composition, Means and Duties

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THE BUDGET OFFICE OF THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT (OPCG)

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OPCG CREATION AND SCOPE

- Created by Law 37/2010, November 15th 2010
  - Status: attached to CD’s General-Secretariat
- Bicameral: assists both Chambers
- Non-partisan
- Serves both majority and minority
OPCG COMPOSITION

- **Director** (Article Two, Paragraph 2, Law 37/2010):
  - Process for appointment
  - Professional profile
  - Not specified:
    - term of office
    - process for removal

- **Organization and operation of the OPCG:**
  - will be carried out by a Resolution
    - (Additional Provision, Law 37/2010)
  - currently pending
MEANS

- Cortes Generales Budget will include funding for the OPCG (Law 37/2010, Article Two. Paragraph 2)
  - 100,000€ included in 2011 Budget
OPCG DUTIES (1)

1. General State Budget (GSB):
   - follow-up
   - oversight of the implementation settlement

2. Provide technical advice on:
   - budgetary matters
   - public revenues and spending

3. Response to any query on: the Budget, its implementation or settlement
OPCG DUTIES (2)

■ 4. Follow-up of lawmaking activities:
  □ which may affect public revenues or spending

■ 5. Drawing up Annual Report on Access to State Budget Databases
FURTHER DUTIES

- Law 37/2010 of Nov. 15, Article Three, Paragraph d)
  - Any other tasks entrusted by the Bureaux of both Chambers

  - Article 2 Budgetary framework-definition
  - Article 6 Numerical fiscal rules
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT

- Regular information to be submitted to the Office:
  - monthly report on implementation of the GSB
  - biannual report on the implementation status of State Public Sector investments
  - annual report on provisional settlement of the previous budget year
COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- OPCG shall have access to the following databases:
  - General State Administration’s budget
  - State Public Sector
  - Social Security

- Two kind of access:
  - direct access
  - via queries
GLOSSARY

- CD: Congress of Deputies
- GSB: General State Budget
- OPCG: Oficina Presupuestaria de las Cortes Generales (Budget Office of the Spanish Parliament)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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