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

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THE BUDGET OFFICE OF THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT (OPCG)

- Creation
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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

- EC Directive Proposal, COM(2010) 523 final, requirements for budgetary frameworks:
 - 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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