

REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
DRŽAVNI ZBOR



**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
LABOUR, THE FAMILY, SOCIAL
POLICY AND THE DISABLED**

About the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

On the basis of the Slovenian Constitution, the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia began to function after the second democratic elections in 1992.

The most recent parliamentary elections, in which ninety deputies were elected to the National Assembly, were held on 15 October 2000.

The deputies are elected by universal, equal, direct and secret voting.

The deputies are the representatives of all the people and are not bound by any instructions.

The term of a deputy lasts four years. Elections to the National Assembly are called by the President of the Republic.



*Borut Pahor,
President of the National
Assembly of the Republic
of Slovenia*

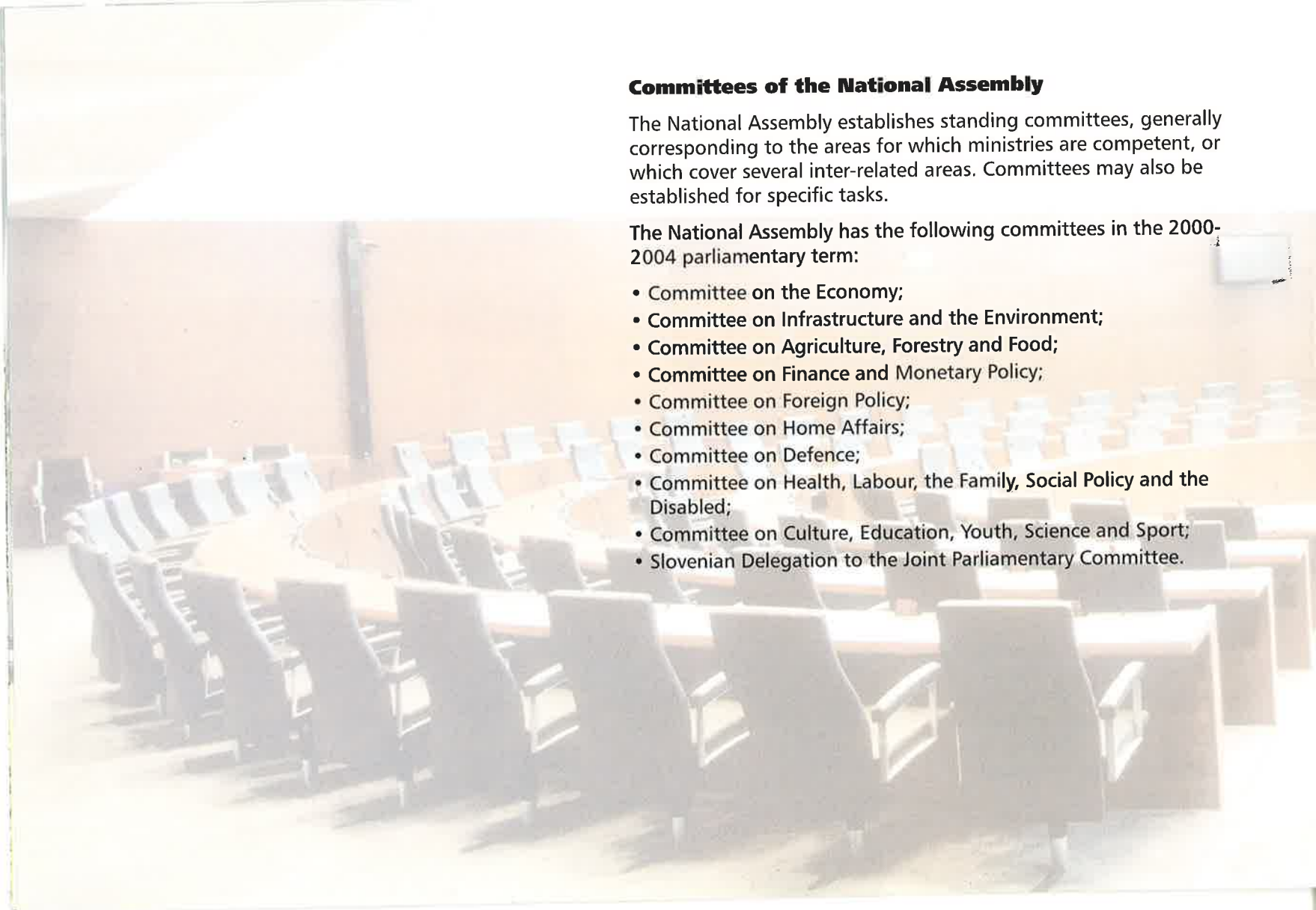
Working bodies of the National Assembly

The National Assembly establishes working bodies to monitor the state of affairs in individual areas, to prepare policy decisions in such areas, to formulate positions on particular issues and to discuss draft laws and other acts of the National Assembly.

A working body is composed of a chairman, usually one deputy chairman and the members. As a general rule, the offices of chairman and deputy chairman of a given working body are held by deputies of different deputy groups. If the chairman of a working body belongs to one of the deputy groups of the governing coalition, the office of deputy chairman will normally be held by a member of an opposition deputy group, and vice versa.

The leading positions in the Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control and in the Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services are held by deputies of opposition deputy groups.





Committees of the National Assembly

The National Assembly establishes standing committees, generally corresponding to the areas for which ministries are competent, or which cover several inter-related areas. Committees may also be established for specific tasks.

The National Assembly has the following committees in the 2000-2004 parliamentary term:

- Committee on the Economy;
- Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment;
- Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food;
- Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy;
- Committee on Foreign Policy;
- Committee on Home Affairs;
- Committee on Defence;
- Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled;
- Committee on Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport;
- Slovenian Delegation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

Commissions of the National Assembly

The National Assembly establishes up commissions to examine specific common issues or to examine individual matters.

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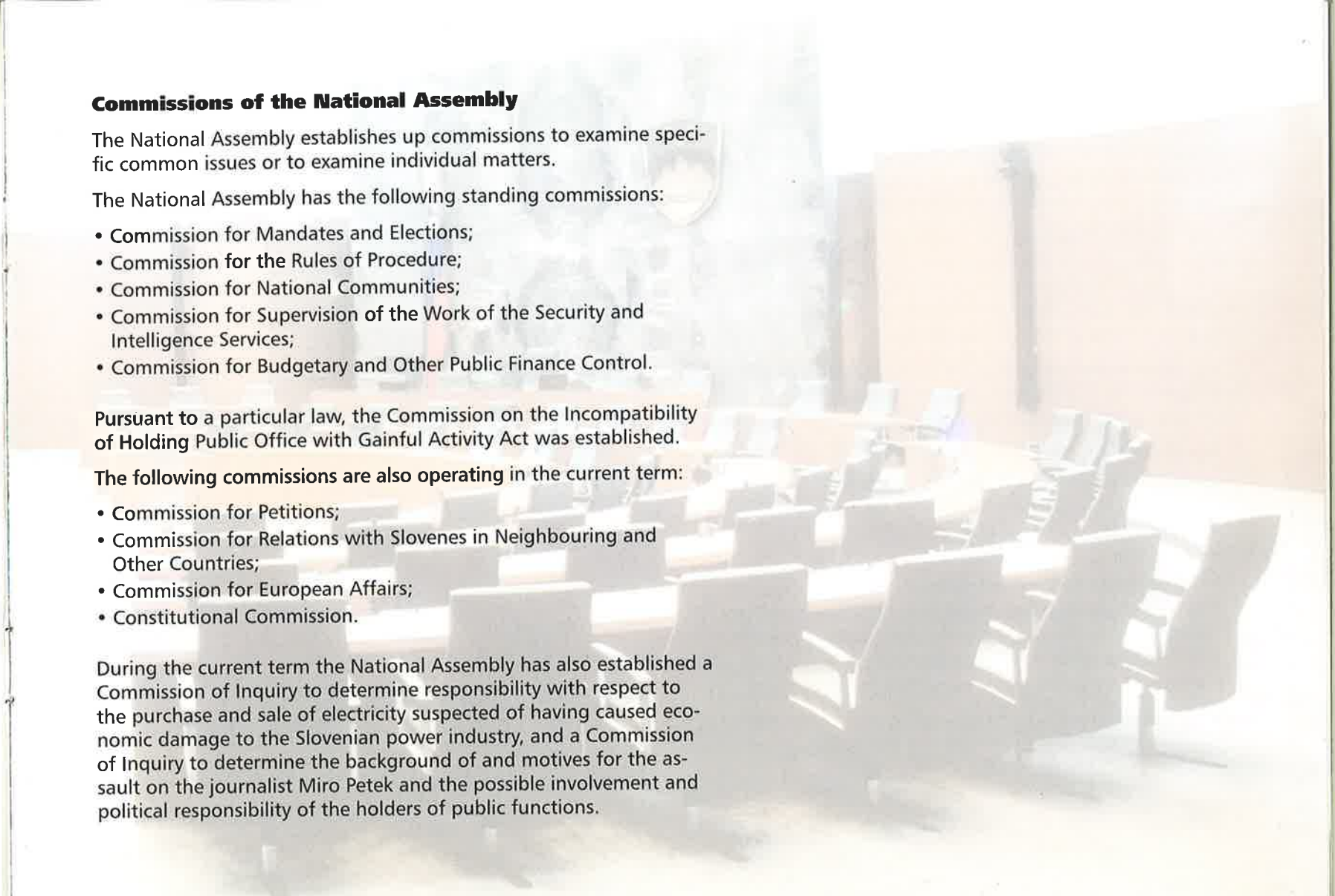
- Commission for Mandates and Elections;
- Commission for the Rules of Procedure;
- Commission for National Communities;
- Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services;
- Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control.

Pursuant to a particular law, the Commission on the Incompatibility of Holding Public Office with Gainful Activity Act was established.

The following commissions are also operating in the current term:

- Commission for Petitions;
- Commission for Relations with Slovenes in Neighbouring and Other Countries;
- Commission for European Affairs;
- Constitutional Commission.

During the current term the National Assembly has also established a Commission of Inquiry to determine responsibility with respect to the purchase and sale of electricity suspected of having caused economic damage to the Slovenian power industry, and a Commission of Inquiry to determine the background of and motives for the assault on the journalist Miro Petek and the possible involvement and political responsibility of the holders of public functions.



Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled

The Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled was established by an ordinance adopted by the National Assembly on 21 November 2000.

Pursuant to the Ordinance on the Establishment of the Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled, the Committee discusses draft laws, other acts and issues relating to the scope of work of the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Health.

With regard to the scope of work of the **Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs**, the Committee is responsible for dealing with the following issues:

- a) labour relations and labour rights
 - labour and labour rights related to the status, rights and obligations of employees;
 - safety at work and occupational health;
 - inspection and supervision;
 - the wages system and income policy;
 - relations with social partners, collective labour law, trade unions law, employees' participation in management, strikes, and other collective agreements;
 - the pension and disability insurance system.





b) labour market, education and employment

- employment, retraining and vocational training, fulfilment of strategic objectives of labour market development and employment policy;
- unemployment insurance;
- scholarships;
- vocational training;
- free movement of labour.

c) family

- family benefits, parental care insurance and the related rights;
- relations between parents and children, spouses and extramarital partners;
- state policy towards children;
- adoptions;
- foster placement and custody.

d) social affairs

- establishment of social security systems with measures intended to guarantee social security of individuals;
- social security benefits and services;
- prevention and elimination of social problems;
- institutional security, provision of public services, expert and administrative supervision.

- e) war disabled, war veterans and victims of war
- legal regulations on war veterans, war disabled, victims of war and war graves;
 - special rights for victims of the 1991 war for Slovenia.

Within the scope of its work, the Committee gives special attention to the following issues:

- the problems of the disabled, monitoring and examining their status, training and employing persons with disabilities;
- status and organisation related issues of disability security;
- discussing the regulations and exercise of the rights and freedoms related to economic and social rights of the disabled, and proposing measures to improve such.





With regard to the scope of work of the **Ministry of Health**, the Committee is responsible for dealing with the following issues:

- the health care and health insurance systems;
- the organisation of health services;
- the system of development of health care within the national health care programme;
- databases related to health care;
- the functioning of medical service;
- pharmacies, blood supply, chemicals, chemical weapons, health and hygiene safety of foods and products intended to come into contact with foods;
- investments into public health centres;
- medicinal products and medical devices, contagious diseases, compensation for persons infected with HIV;
- removal and transplantation of body parts for health purposes, treatment of infertility and fertilisation with biomedical assistance;
- inspection and supervision of health care;
- restriction of the use of tobacco products;
- prohibited drugs ingredients, production and dealing of prohibited drugs and prevention of drug abuse.

The Committee monitors the work of the Pension and Disability Insurance Institute and the Health Insurance Institute.

Composition of the Committee



*Stanislav Brenčič,
Chairman - SLS*



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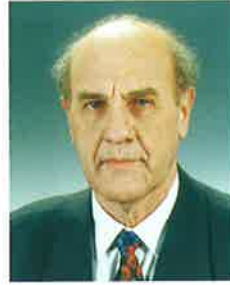
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Aleksander Merlo - LDS



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Stanislava Stopar - LDS

Legend of deputy groups:

- LDS - Liberal Democracy of Slovenia,
- SLS - Slovene People's Party
- SDS - Social Democratic Party,
- ZLSD - United List of Social Democrats,
- NSi - Nova Slovenija,
- DeSUS - Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia,
- SNS - Slovene National Party,
- SMS - Slovene Youth Party

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