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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.

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 office 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.





Commissions of the National Assembly

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

The National Assembly has the following standing commissions:

- · 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 Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport

The Committee on Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport was established by an ordinance adopted by the National Assembly on 21 November 2000.

In accordance with the Ordinance on Establishing the Committee on Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport, the Committee discusses draft laws, other acts and issues relating to the scope of work of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. It devotes special attention to youth problems and the assertion of their rights in all social spheres, the possible activities of youth organisations, sports education, recreation and top-class sports as well as to the organisation and financing of sports.

The Committee deals with the following issues:

• concerning culture

- the exercise of public interest in culture,
- the national programme on culture,
- public institutes in the field of culture,
- the public cultural programme,
- the normative regulation of the media;

• concerning education

- kindergartens,
- education in elementary schools, music schools, secondary schools, institutes and programmes for adult education,
- higher education, the national programme,
- student dormitories,
- the education of members of the Italian and Hungarian national communities and members of the Romany community,
- the education of children with developmental disabilities,
- the organisation and financing of education;

• concerning science

- the organisation, exercise and financing of research and developmental activities,
- the national research and development programme,
- the education of researchers;

concerning sports

- sports education and recreation,
- competitive and top-class sports,
- the financing of sports,
- the national programme.



The Orlek group

The Committee also comprises a Working Group on Language Planning and Language Policy, consisting of renowned Slovene linguists and other experts. The working group deals with linguistic problems arising in legislative work and other issues related to the use and status of Slovene as an official and national language. The working group implements its proposals, positions and decisions through the decisions of the Committee and the National Assembly or informs the relevant bodies and the general public thereof.



The Vesna girl chorus



Composition of the Committee



Rudolf Moge, chairman - LDS



Vojko Čeligoj, deputy chairman - DeSUS



Peter Levič, deputy chairman - SMS



Richard Beuermann -LDS



Janez Komljanec - LDS



Ljubo Germič - LDS



Roman Jakič - LDS



Jožef Kavtičnik - LDS



Lidija Majnik - LDS



Anton Partljič - LDS



Majda Širca - LDS



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Ivan Mamić - SNS



Marija Ana Tisovic - NSi



Sonja Areh Lavrič - SNS



Marija Pozsonec -Hungarian national community

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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