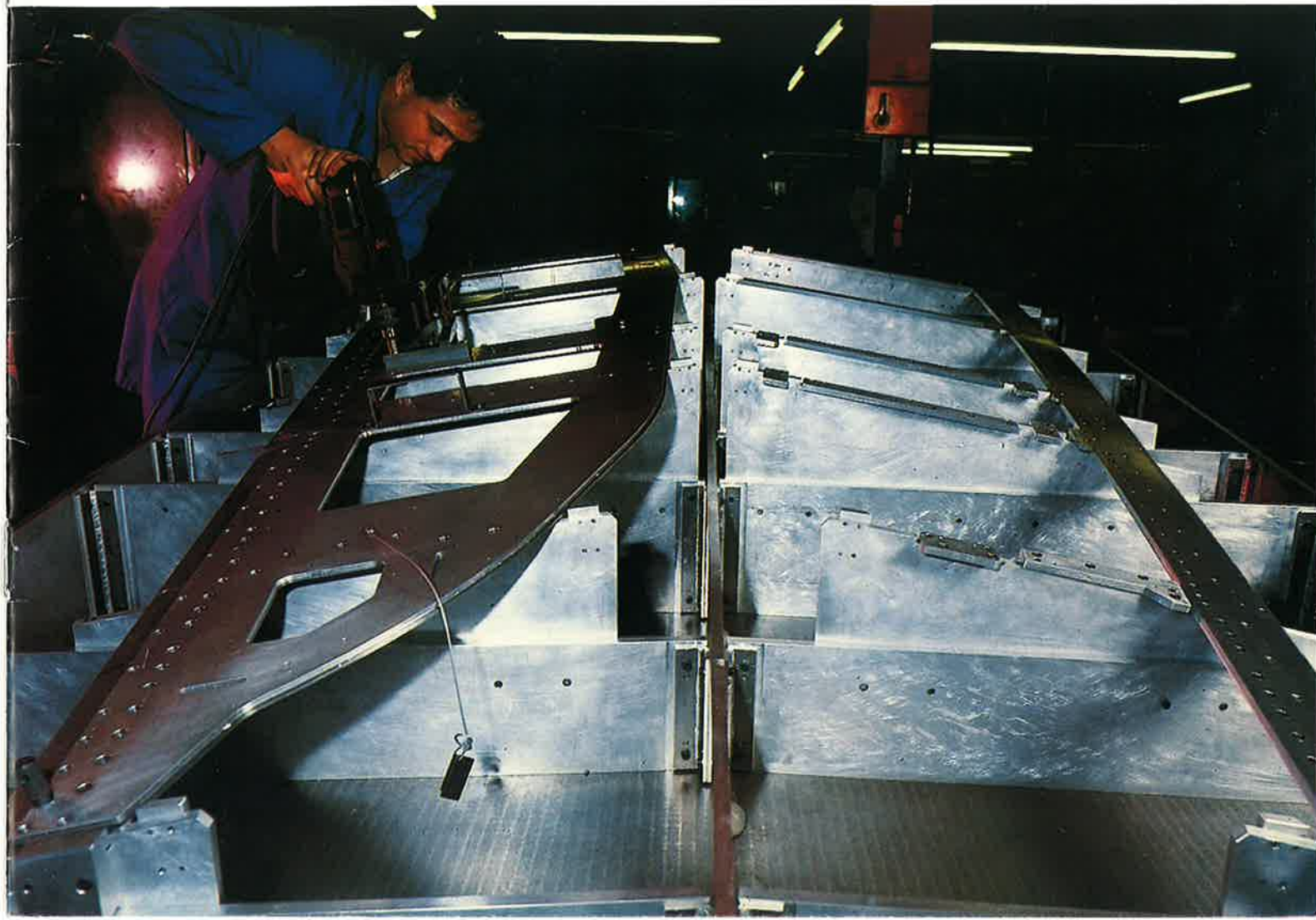




COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY



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 3 October 2004.

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.

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President of the National Assembly
of the Republic of Slovenia*



WORKING BODIES

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 Intelligence and Security Services are held by deputies of opposition deputy groups.





COMMITTEES

The National Assembly establishes standing committees, generally corresponding to the areas for which individual 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 2004-2008 parliamentary term:

- The Committee on the Economy
- The Committee on Transport
- The Committee on the Environment and Spatial Planning
- The Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food
- The Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy
- The Committee on Foreign Policy
- The Committee on Domestic Policy, Public Administration and Justice
- The Committee on Defence
- The Committee on Health
- The Committee on Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled
- The Committee on Culture, Education and Sport
- The Committee on Higher Education, Science and Technological Development
- The Committee on Local Self-Government and Regional Development
- The Committee on EU Affairs

COMMISSIONS

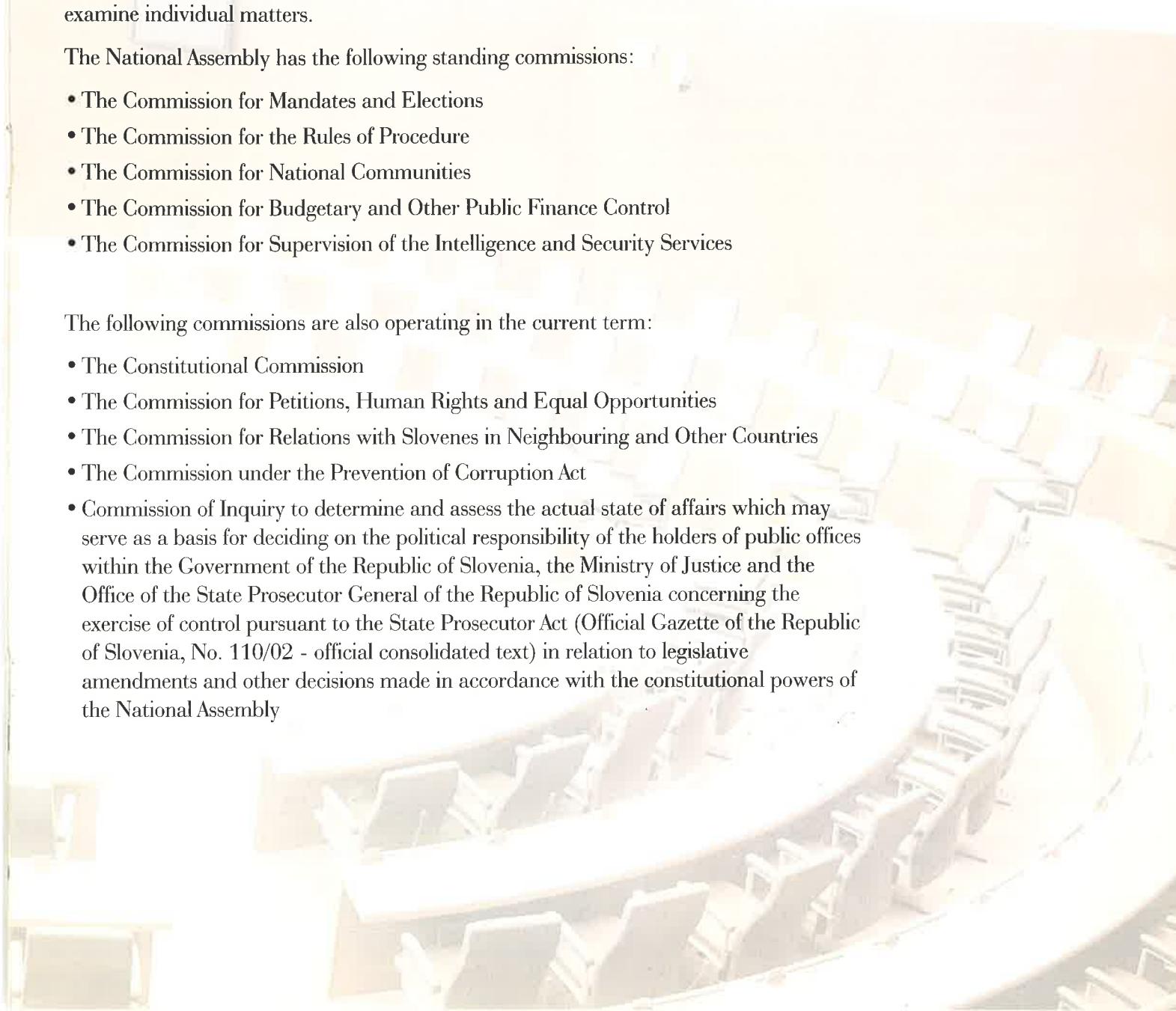
The National Assembly establishes commissions to examine specific common issues or to examine individual matters.

The National Assembly has the following standing commissions:

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

The following commissions are also operating in the current term:

- The Constitutional Commission
- The Commission for Petitions, Human Rights and Equal Opportunities
- The Commission for Relations with Slovenes in Neighbouring and Other Countries
- The Commission under the Prevention of Corruption Act
- Commission of Inquiry to determine and assess the actual state of affairs which may serve as a basis for deciding on the political responsibility of the holders of public offices within the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Justice and the Office of the State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia concerning the exercise of control pursuant to the State Prosecutor Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 110/02 - official consolidated text) in relation to legislative amendments and other decisions made in accordance with the constitutional powers of the National Assembly



COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The Committee on the Economy was established with the Ordinance on the Establishment and Tasks of National Assembly Working Bodies of 18 November 2004.

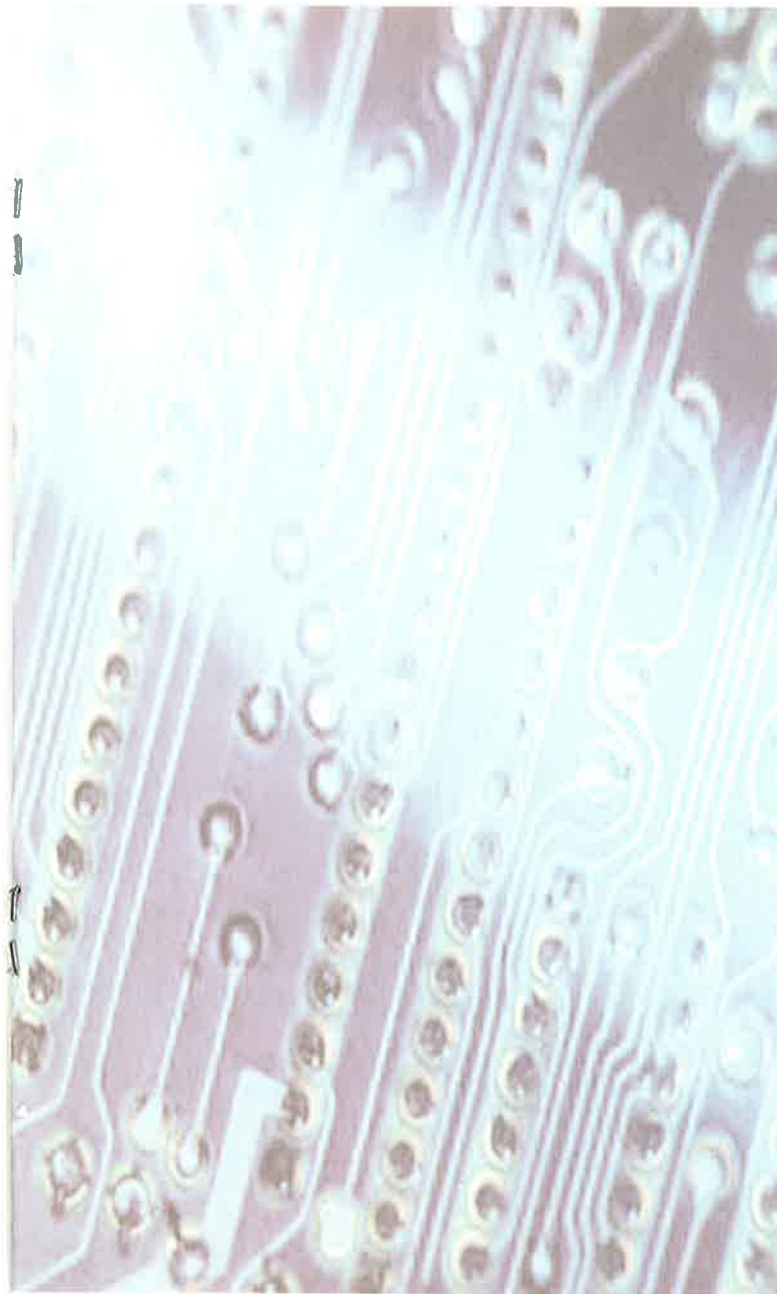
The National Assembly establishes standing committees corresponding to the areas for which the ministries are competent or which cover several inter-related areas.

Pursuant to the above Ordinance, the Committee discusses draft laws, other acts and issues relating to the scope of work of the **Ministry of the Economy**.

The Committee is responsible for dealing with the following issues:

- economic system and development;
- internal market and the relevant laws and criteria;
- consumer protection;
- competition protection;
- international economic relations;
- development of the corporate sector and competitiveness;
- conditions for creating and maintaining of jobs;
- intellectual property;
- small business and tourism;
- energy and mining;
- electronic communication and mail;
- industrial projects; and
- other issues pertaining to the scope of work of the Ministry of the Economy.





The Committee deals with issues concerning ownership transformation of companies and is responsible for:

- overseeing and supervising the work of the Slovene Compensation Corporation, the Capital Corporation of Pension and Disability Insurance, the National Farm Land and Forest Fund, mutual funds, investment companies and management companies, as well as of other funds and legal entities whose work is related to the ownership transformation of companies;
- discussing reports drawn up by the Social Attorney of the Republic of Slovenia and other institutions dealing with damages incurred by socially-owned property during the process of ownership transformation of companies and legal entities;
- discussing, monitoring and supervising the process of privatisation and sale of state property, discussing reports drawn up by the bodies competent for carrying out the privatisation of state property, and reports concerning damages incurred by state property during the process of privatisation.

The Committee on the Economy also deals with EU affairs pertaining to its scope of work.

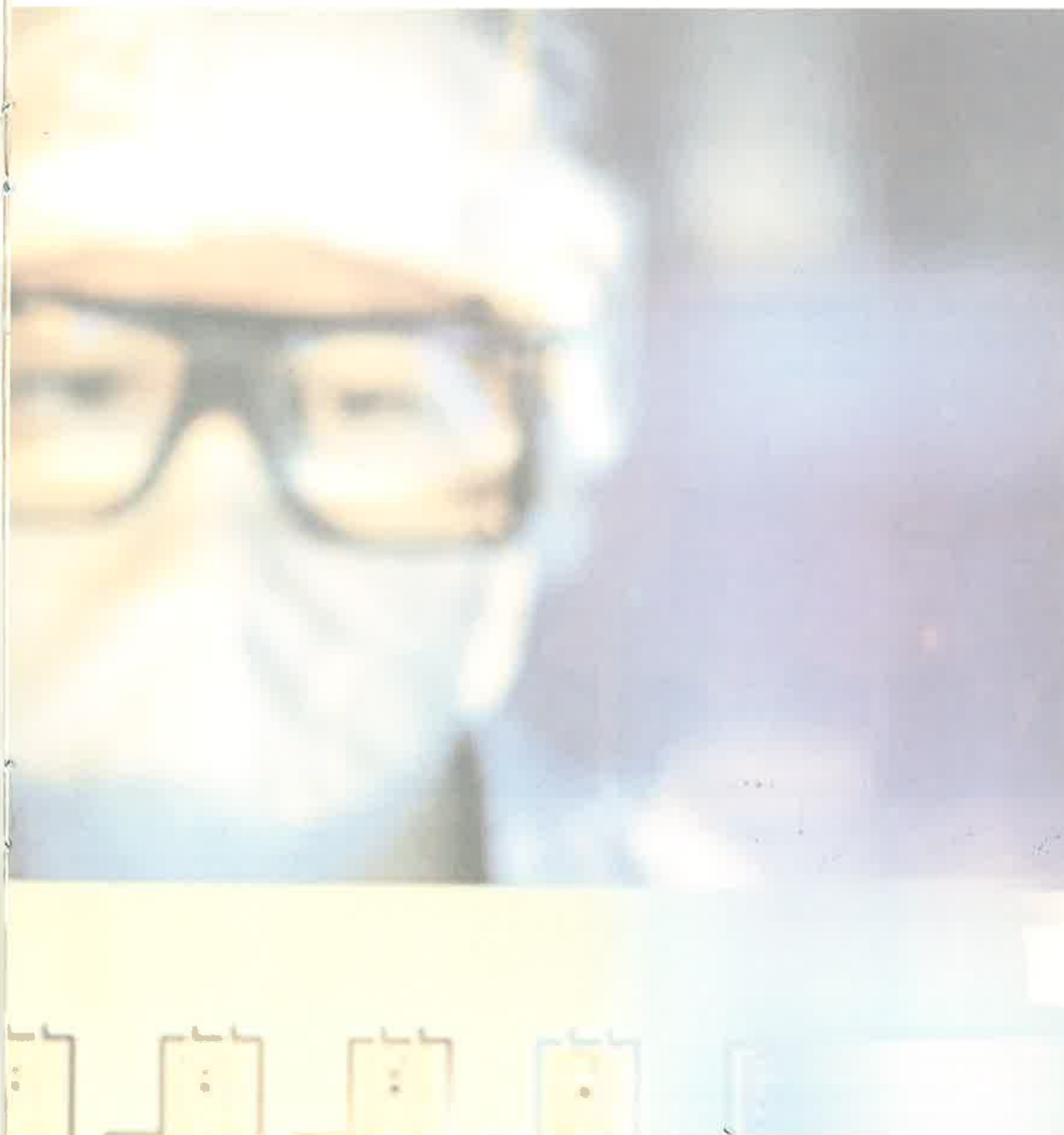
ACTIVITIES IN THE 2000-2004 PARLIAMENTARY TERM

In the 2000-2004 parliamentary term, the activities of the Committee on the Economy mostly focused on the **discussion of draft laws and other acts** for which it had been designated working body responsible by the President of the National Assembly. Most of such draft laws had been drawn up by the Government in the process of harmonisation of Slovenian legislation with the *acquis communautaire*.

Following the adoption of the new Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly in the second half of 2002, the role of working bodies in the legislative procedure increased considerably and the discussion of draft laws became particularly thorough. As working body responsible, the Committee discussed 54 draft laws and 46 other acts, including regular reports presented to the National Assembly by different institutions in accordance with the law.

Particular attention was devoted to the discussion of the draft state budget, which is the most important document of economic policy for a certain period. Several meetings also dealt with the exercise of the Committee's supervisory function - the Committee monitored the state of affairs and the implementation of laws in individual areas, formulated positions on individual issues and proposed the relevant measures aimed at improving the situation. The Committee regularly discussed reports submitted to the National Assembly in accordance with the law, such as reports by the Slovenian Export Corporation, the Social Attorney of the Republic of Slovenia, the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for the Auditing of Ownership Transformation of Companies, the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Restructuring and Privatization, the Slovene Development





Corporation, the Telecommunications, Broadcasting and Post Agency, and reports on mine closing activities.

In order to obtain as much information as possible on certain issues of interest, the Committee organised three **public hearings** to which it invited the representatives of the public concerned.

In terms of **international activity**, the Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairmen as well as the Committee delegations held 28 meetings with the representatives of parliaments of foreign countries, representatives of international institutions, as well as economic delegations. On such occasions, the Committee representatives presented the National Assembly and the work of the Committee, with special emphasis on the basic characteristics of the Slovenian economic system and regulation thereof.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE



*Chairman Franc (Feri)
Horvat (SD)*



*Deputy Chairman
Martin Mikolič
(N.Si)*



*Deputy Chairman
Vili Rezman
(DeSUS)*



*Danijel Krivec
(SDS)*



*Mitja Ljubeljšek
(SDS)*



*Milan Petek
(LDS)*



*Alojz Posedel
(LDS)*



*Dr. Mitja Slavinec
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SLS - Slovene People's Party, **SNS** - Slovene National Party, **DeSUS** - Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia

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