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1. Advanced October inflation in Andorra reaches 4.7%

Let's start with the pocket. The advanced price indicator for October places Andorra's interannual inflation at four point seven percent, two tenths more than in September. In October alone, prices would have risen by zero point four percent. Among the groups that contribute the most to the price increase are food, health and household products and services. Attention: it is an advanced estimate from the Statistics department, not yet the final data. And a higher rate does not mean that all products will rise equally. The question that remains unanswered by this single figure is how much the real purchasing power of wages and pensions is deteriorating.

2. Catalan is the mother tongue of 39% of respondents

Another relevant data comes from the survey of linguistic knowledge and usage. According to the results released today, Catalan is the mother tongue of thirty-nine percent of respondents, compared to forty-seven percent who indicate Spanish. Catalan is still present in common usage, but its weight has decreased compared to the study of two thousand and twenty-two. The Government relates part of this change to the demographic evolution and assures that it is working to strengthen the official language. But a demographic explanation does not replace the evaluation of policies: it is necessary to know the sample, the uses by area and whether the reception, school and public attention measures have measurable results.

3. The equivalent population of Andorra reaches 142,173 people

Let's move on to the pressure on the country's services. Statistics calculates that, during the third quarter, residents and temporary population have generated a demand for resources equivalent to that of one hundred forty-two thousand one hundred and seventy-three people living there all year. It is four point seven percent more than a year earlier. This figure is not the census of residents: it is an equivalence indicator that incorporates the effect of visitors and other temporary stays. The estimated resident population at the end of September was around ninety thousand people. The bottom line is whether the sizing of transport, water, waste and public services keeps pace with real demand, especially in summer and winter.

4. Two men arrested for alleged assaults in Andorra la Vella

We end with two different police incidents in Andorra la Vella. The police have announced the arrest of two thirty-five-year-old men as alleged perpetrators of crimes against physical and moral integrity. One was arrested after allegedly assaulting his partner in a parking lot. The other, following an assault with a glass bottle on a woman in a nightclub, which required medical attention. These are police actions reported today, not guilty

verdicts. It will be necessary to follow the situation of the victims and the judicial response without taking for granted facts that have yet to be clarified.