


## REPORT TO THE WALLOON PARLIAMENT

### Follow-up audit regarding contributions and taxes on water withdrawals and releases

 The Belgian Court of Audit has carried out a follow-up audit regarding contributions and taxes on water withdrawals and releases in the Walloon Region.

The Court doubts whether some taxes have an incentive effect and are appropriate to implement the polluter-pays principle. It also raises the question of the legality of the industrial remediation contracts concluded with companies releasing waste water in public treatment plants. Moreover, it notes shortcomings as regards the water contributions and taxes determination, control, litigation management and collection process. Finally, the Court considers that the whole taxation process should be improved, in particular with respect to streamlining and securing IT applications, information uniqueness and automated data communication between the applications.