

## REPORT TO THE WALLOON PARLIAMENT

### *The internal control process of debt statements submitted by members of the commissions participating in the functioning of the Walloon public service*



The Belgian Court of Audit assessed the process introduced by the Walloon administration to ensure the control and payment of attendance fees and other expenses due to the members of the various commissions participating in the functioning of its services.

The Court found that the internal control process is not guided by clear instructions, rules or procedures that could improve the transmission of the information needed to verify debt statements and ensure service continuity in case any holder of the relevant knowledge and expertise is absent.

The Court also noted the extreme diversity of the rules applying to the benefits granted to the commissions members. Such complexity has caused numerous enforcement and interpretation difficulties. The Court considers that harmonising the rules applicable to the various commissions would help automate controls and spot errors.

The Walloon Minister for the Public Service pointed out that the findings and recommendations put forward by the Court of Audit met her own concerns on the matter and announced her wish to draw up cross-cutting measures harmonising the rules applicable to the various commissions.