

## **10 Priority Spheres for 2011**

Chairman of the Chamber of Control of Georgia, Mr. Levan Bezhashvili named 10 priority spheres determined by the CCG for the year 2011 and presented a list of areas of special public interest.

The Chamber of Control of Georgia has developed a list of areas of special public interest that comprises all those programs or events that represent particular importance for the state. The programs and events included in the list are selected on the basis of 5 criteria determined by the CCG. The list consists of 10 programs and events.

In accordance to the list of areas of special public interest the CCG has determined 10 priority spheres:

### **1. Health and Insurance Programs Financed by State Budget.**

Society pays great attention to these programs, firstly, because they assist the improvement of the less maintained spheres of social care and, secondly, because they ensure the financial affordability of the health care of a person. However, despite the impressive amount of budget expenses, there are no positive tendencies either in the improvement of quality of our medical services, or in the financial conditions of medical personnel, or in the area of provision of information.

### **2. Management of the System of Social Care and Assistance.**

The Government spends almost one third of its budget in this direction, although the system is regularly flawed. From one side, there is an incorrect and inefficient management: systematic irregularity in the formation of beneficiary bases and their monitoring; and from the other side – essential deficiencies in the system and criteria of objective evaluation of the category of those that need help, that obstructs the efficient and timely provision of public resources to the target groups (those that most of all require special care and assistance).

### **3. Medical Service System and Programs.**

The reasons for the inclusion of medical services system and programs in the list of priorities for 2011 were the audit results conducted in 2010. Violations have revealed improper management of the system: from one side, the deficiencies related to the provision of medical services and to the methodology of its financing, and, from the other side, negligence on behalf of the existing in the program medical institutions for the reasons of gaining personal advantage or as an effort to avoid responsibility.

### **4. Financing and Management of the Sphere of Agriculture.**

Audit results of the institutions included in the system revealed occasions of improper management and other law violations that require systematic regulation. Systematic regulation requires constant monitoring and identification of problems and deficiencies as well as finding right solutions to them.

## **5. Environmental Programs and Events.**

Improper and inefficient management of environment system may cause threat to the environment and hinder the development of tourism in the country. At the same time, improvement and establishment of the effective system of environment protection may turn Georgia into a regional leader, or significantly enhance the country's reputation in the international arena.

## **6. Financial Management of Defense System.**

Essential amounts of budget resources dedicated to defense are conditioned by the interest of the society for the above system to be properly financed. A taxpayer is particularly interested in how effectively the budget funds formed by means of his resources serve his own defense interests.

## **7. Science Support System.**

Development of modern IT and global economic conditions indicate that the future challenges are the new directions and utilization of new technologies in businesses; businesses that can prove more effective with less costs. In this view, the development of science, innovation and IT is very important. Intellectual potential of a country provides more opportunities for growth and the government should encourage innovation and commercialization of the results of intellectual work, science should become interesting for the future generations and investments.

## **8. Probation System Management.**

The first outcomes of the current reform can already be seen that require analyses, problems identification and determination of right solutions.

## **9. State External Debt Management System.**

State external debt has always been a sphere of a particular interest to the society. The Chamber of Control of Georgia plans to regularly examine this field and to provide the society with the information on the efficiency of the sphere.

## **10. Public Finances Management Reform.**

One of the biggest state challenges for the coming 4-5 years is the public finances management, budget sphere management reform. From 2012 the Government of Georgia should shift to the program budgeting system. In parallel to the introduction of the program budgeting, the CCG should start conducting performance audits: evaluation of the effectiveness the programs. Therefore, the progress and results of the public finances management reform represents a relevant issue for the CCG.