
Article 1 The members of the Ombudsman Board shall discharge the tasks of the Ombudsman Board independently unless the Standing Orders of the Ombudsman Board provide for joint resolution.

Article 2 Tasks of the Chairperson:

1. exercising employer’s authority over the staff of the Ombudsman Board according to Article 148h para 2 of the Austrian Federal Constitutional Act [Bundesverfassungsgesetz/B-VG];
2. staff matters of the Ombudsman Board in consideration of Article 148h para 1 B-VG;
3. organisational matters of the Ombudsman Board;
4. decisions on notifications of lack of impartiality as defined in Article 5 of the Austrian Ombudsman Act 1982 [Volksanwaltschaftsgesetz];
5. convening and chairing the joint meetings of the Ombudsman Board;
6. tasks of the Ombudsman Board which are not included in Articles 3 to 5 of the Rules of Business Allocation.

Article 3 Tasks of the ombudsman Dr. Peter KOSTELKA:

(1) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which according to their contents belong to the area of responsibility of the following Federal Ministries:

1. Federal Chancellery;
2. Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs;
3. Federal Ministry for Health;
4. Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports;
5. Federal Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
6. Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (sectors: railway, innovation and telecommunications, aviation and shipping);

(2) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which concern the following administrative matters of those Federal Provinces which declared the Ombudsman Board competent pursuant to Article 148i B-VG:
1. matters allocated to the Directorate of Regional Offices, matters of work regulations of the public sector and remuneration law of provincial and municipal employees, except for Province-employed teachers;

2. health and veterinary matters;

3. social welfare, youth welfare;

**Article 4** Tasks of the ombudswoman dr. Gertrude BRINEK:

(1) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which according to their contents belong to the area of responsibility of the following Federal Ministries:

1. Federal Ministry of Finance;

2. Federal Ministry of Justice;

(2) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which concern the following administrative matters of those Federal Provinces which declared the Ombudsman Board competent pursuant to Article 148i B-VG:

1. municipal matters, except for matters of work regulations of the public sector and remuneration law of municipal employees and municipal taxes;

2. municipal matters of science, research, art and culture;

3. regional planning, housing and settlement matters, building law, administration of Province-owned buildings and real properties as well as of Provincial funds;

4. matters regarding provincial and municipal roads;

5. traffic matters, except for the traffic police

**Article 5** Tasks of the ombudswoman Mag. Terezija STOISITS:

(1) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which according to their contents belong to the area of responsibility of the following Federal Ministries:

1. Federal Ministry of the Interior;

2. Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management;

3. Federal Ministry for Education, Art and Culture;

4. Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (road, freight and passenger traffic, dangerous goods, motor traffic, technology and road safety);

5. Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, Family and Youth (sector: economics);

(2) Those tasks of the Ombudsman Board which concern the following administrative matters of those Federal Provinces which declared the Ombudsman Board competent pursuant to Article 148i B-VG:

1. financial matters of the Provinces, provincial and municipal taxes;
2. trade and energy matters;
3. citizenship matters, electorate register, traffic police;
4. school and educational matters, sports and cultural matters, matters of work regulations of the public sector and remuneration law of Province-employed teachers;
5. matters of agriculture and forestry; game and fisheries law;
6. matters of nature conservation and environmental protection as well as waste management matters;
7. matters of science, research and the arts.

**Article 6** For well-founded reasons a specific task of the Ombudsman Board may be allocated to another member of the Ombudsman Board by joint resolution upon a motion of the member in charge of that matter according to these Rules of Business Allocation. Such resolution shall require unanimity of the members of the Ombudsman Board. The complainant shall be notified of the change of the ombudsperson in charge.

**Article 7** The present Rules of Business Allocation of the Ombudsman Board shall enter into force on 1 February 2009.

Dr. KOSTELKA

Dr. Gertrude BRINEK

Mag. STOISITS