

## TCU presents the 2017 Policies and Programs Report to the National Congress

The Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) participated in the public hearing in the Joint Committee on Planning, Public Budget and Oversight (CMO), aiming to present the 2017 Policies and Programs Report (RePP 2017). The meeting was held on 9/28/2017.

The General Secretary of External Control of the TCU, Cláudio Castello Branco, set forth the structure and results of the report and stressed the importance of the National Congress in decisions concerning the allocation of budgetary resources by explaining the instructions determined by the court decision. The document, produced in compliance with the Budgetary Guidelines Act, offers subsidies for the legislative process of budgetary allocation and its developments.

The TCU aims to construct a long-term action plan in order for the country to find synergy in government programs. To this end, the annual delivery of the RePP, systemic monitoring of the court decisions mentioned in the report (integrated control actions), and partnerships with the National Congress, Center of Government and sectorial bodies for the integration of initiatives are foreseen.

After discussing the deficiencies of the plans, the TCU recommended the preparation of an action plan covering budget-enhancing measures. In addition, TCU will continue participating in public hearings in order to help the National Congress in its decisions and, in the future, enhance public governance.

Senator Dário Berger, president of the CMO, conducted the hearing. Other participants included Deputy Cacá Leão, rapporteur of the Annual Budget Act (LOA 2018), the Coordinator General of External Control of Policy Results and Public Programs of the TCU, Marcelo Barros Gomes, and the Secretary of Governmental Macro evaluation of the TCU, Leonardo Rodrigues Albernaz. Representatives from technical units responsible for audits consolidated in the report also accompanied the public hearing.

During the debates, the secretary general answered questions from committee members on the report and on other issues, such as the judicialization of health services, social security, public security, unfinished kindergartens and public debt. With regard to all these issues, TCU mentioned recently finished works or those in progress, which means that the Court is tuned with the needs of the National Congress, who is the representative of Brazilian society.

