Denmark

Economics, Jurisdiction and Independence

Answers to the questions:

Answer to questions no. 1.2.1 and 1.2.2:

A minor part of the total court budget is delegated to the individual court. When using its budget the individual court is subject to central financial control.

The number of employees at the individual court is determined based on several circumstances, including the geographical location of the court, the employees’ competencies and attendance records as well as the number and nature of cases decided by the court in question. If these circumstances give rise to a change in the number of employees of the court, such change will be made following separate negotiation between the court manager and the National Courts Administration.

The National Courts Administration gathers information about best practice. All courts may obtain information from the administration, which may be able to help improve the efficiency of the court.

Presently the courts are attempting to introduce quality control measures aimed at the judicial decisions. This control is performed by colleagues from the same court.

So far the new management principles have had no impact on the independence of the courts.

Answer to question no. 2.1:

338 judges.
6.3 judges per 100,000 inhabitants.
Furthermore, there are 320 deputy judges who also make judicial decisions.

Answer to question no. 2.2:

In 2005: 0.30%.
Answer to question no. 2.3:
No.

Answer to question no. 2.4:
1995: 0.27% of the total government budget.
2005: 0.30% of the total government budget.

Answer to question no. 2.5:
No.

Answer to question no. 2.6:
No.

Answer to question no. 3.1:
No.
Presently, mediation is being tried at the courts as an alternative to an actual court hearing and trial.

Answer to question no. 4.1:
No.

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