



The forthcoming debate on the proposed Budget will take place on Tuesday

Montoro has asked Rubalcaba to join him at the Spanish Congress to discuss the Budget

21 April 2012. The Minister of Finance and Public Administrations, Cristóbal Montoro, today asked the General Secretary of the PSOE, Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, to be the spokesperson for his party on Tuesday in the Spanish Congress in the debate on the proposed State Budget.

"He must explain there, on the podium in Congress, at such an important moment for our democracy, the presentation of the State budget", said the Minister of Finance.

Montoro asked him to comply "with the consummate tradition that the leader of the Opposition explains the position of the PSOE, which is responsible for what is currently happening in our country. They are the ones responsible for the holes in the public finances which we are now facing, which is what he should explain from the podium in Congress".

Traditionally, the leader of the Opposition has debated the budget with the government person responsible for preparing them, as Rajoy did for the last seven years and when Zapatero was in opposition, the first few years it was his economic spokesman, Jordi Sevilla, until in the last few debates when Zapatero took over.

Montoro said today that "Rubalcaba must be the one to do it and that he should not delegate the task to another PSOE spokesperson, as he is the one responsible, having been in all of the previous governments, for the situation that we are now experiencing".

In Montoro's opinion, now is the time to directly confirm with him what solutions he proposes, whether he wants to relax the public deficit targets for Spain or not.