

TCU examines the 2009 Government's accounts

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The Brazilian Court of Audit (TCU) examined, yesterday, the report and the prior opinion on the federal government accounts for the 2009 fiscal year. The document, which will be forwarded to the Congress for appraisal, presents topics such as the Brazilian economy's performance, analysis of the revenue, expenditure and the Federal Government accounting statements, as well as actions related to land reform in Brazil. Minister Raimundo Carreiro was the author of the legal opinion, based on the work of the TCU Secretariat of Government Macro-Evaluation (SEMAG).

The report shows that Government measures contributed to reducing the global crisis impact on the Brazilian economy. In 2009, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) had its value reduced, in real terms, by 0.2% compared to the 2008's GDP, reaching a total of R\$3.143 trillion (reais).

The unemployment rate in 2009 stood to 6.8%, identical to that recorded in 2008. Last year, 995.110 jobs were created, an increase of 3.11%.

Despite concluding that the Executive Branch complies with the fundamental accountancy concepts imposed to public administration, the TCU report pointed out 15 restrictions. Including the constitutional provision breach on the resources intended to irrigation, the low percentage of collection of administrative fines imposed by the Brazilian Federal Public Administration and, also, issues related to the National Agrarian Reform Policy.

TCU made 33 recommendations to correct the found flaws. One of them advises the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management to submit an action plan to reduce the number of non-analyzed rendering of accounts of the transfers from the Federal Government to the states, municipalities and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) through contracts, money transfer agreements and other instruments.

The files pertaining to the 2009 government accounts are available at www.tcu.gov.br/contasdegoverno.