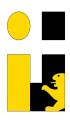


# Information on the Audit Results of the regional external audit bodies to the various addressees Example from the Denkschrift 2002 of the Court of Audit of Baden-Württemberg

Presentation at an EURORAI-Seminar on October 24, 2003 in Toulouse





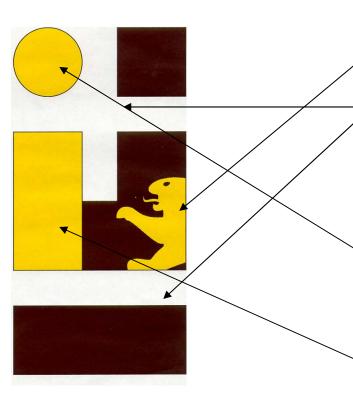
## The Court of Audit Baden-Württemberg presented



<b>Budget</b> State 2003	€ 31.5 Bn.		
Debts 2002	€ 35.7 Bn.		
Budget (CoA) 2003	€ 13.6 M.		
Staff State	216,000		
Staff external audit	261		
Audits 2002	241		
<b>Audits 2003</b>	244		
Audit objects	920		



#### Logo



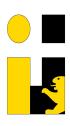
Lion and black/yellow colours of State refer to the coat of arms of the State

(white) plus and minus symbolize financial advantages and disadvantages of the work of parliament, government and the administration

(yellow) circle means a coin and reminds one of being economical

(yellow) "i" stands for informing, advising





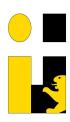
### Ways of action of the Court of Audit

Kind of Audit	Addressee of the Audit Results			Carrying out	Press comm.
	Audited Entity	Government	State Parliament		
Audit	yes	rarely	never	between Court of Audit and audited entity	almost never
Denkschrift (DS) Results which are important for the discharge of the State Government		yes	yes	Discussion of the DS in the financial committee (FA) with opinion of the State Government, decision of the State plenary meeting	always
beratende Äußerung (b.Ä.) (advising statement) due to audit experience		yes in so far as State Parl. will discuss	not absolute yes	handling like Denkschrift (FA und plenary meeting)	always
Special reports, information on matters of special importance		like b. Ä.	like b. Ä.	like DS	almost always
gutachtliche Äußerung (expert statement) on request of the State Parliament or Government		like b. Ä.	like b. Ä.	like DS	almost always

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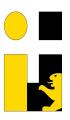




#### Example from the Denkschrift 2002

"Fuchsien-Pavillon in Tübingen"





#### Gewächshaus in Tübingen "Fuchsien-Pavillon"





#### Data of the building

- Reason for the building
  In 2001 the university celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the botanist Leonhard Fuchs "Fuchsie"
- Location
   Botanical gardens of the University of Tübingen
- Area
   36 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total cost € 310,537 or 8,600 €/m<sup>2</sup>
- Given target cost for an institute building € 72,859



### "Fuchsien-Pavillon in Tübingen" - history of the audit

• Petition of a citizen on July 26, 2001 to the Court of Audit after inauguration; waste of funds?



- Order to SRPA TÜ to carry out audits on the matter; audit letter from the office in 01/2002
- Preliminary draft of the Court of Audit to the Ministry of Finance on March 5, 2002
- Statement of the Ministry of Finance
  - Costs approved, justified due to expensive and rare plants
  - not all opportunities for cost control were observed
  - not a typical case
- Inclusion in the Denkschrift 2002

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#### Sender's address

July 26, 2001

Landesrechnungshof Abt. 1 Stabelstr. 12

#### 76133 Karlsruhe

#### Waste of tax money

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

for me it is still incredible what I have read in the Tübinger Zeitung:

A glass case for plants should have cost **DM 600.000** (~€ **300.000**)! Can that be, ought that be?

The frame is certainly out of silver. Expenditures of this kind are impossible to comprehend.

When will these wasteful people finally be called to account and locked up?

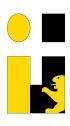
It is not surprising that there are more and more unemployed. Who wants to work with the given tax burden? The ordinary people are more and more oppressed and then one has to read about these things in the newspaper. What government? What State?

Where can I bring action against the people responsible and payers of this flower-box?

Yours sincerely,

Signature of the sender





### Presentation of the Denkschrift July 14, 2003

- Reaction of the Media
- Dealing in the State Parliament





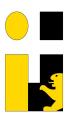
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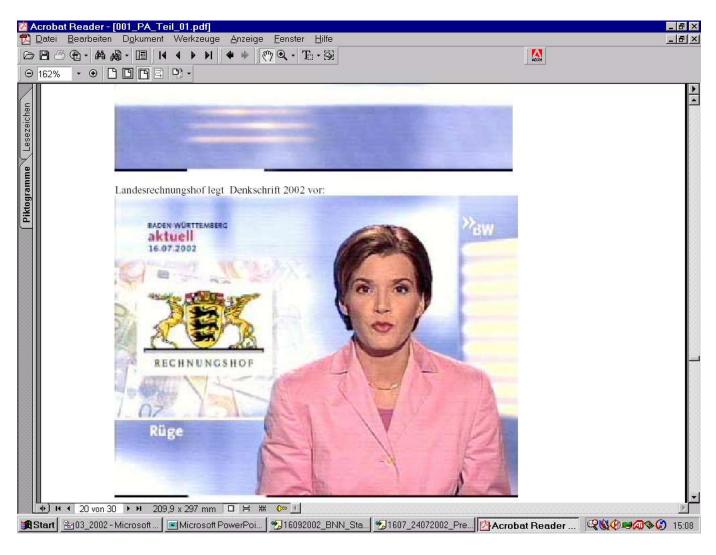


#### Reaction of the media

- Regional television: News and live interview on the day of the press conference
- Regional radio news and interviews
- Reports, comments and reactions of the people affected both in regional and national newspapers
- "Hit rate"
  - Reports in 22 newspapers (2003 26)
  - Scope of the press review 111 pages (2003 170)
  - The press commented with interest on all our press statements (1 general and 7 on single topics)

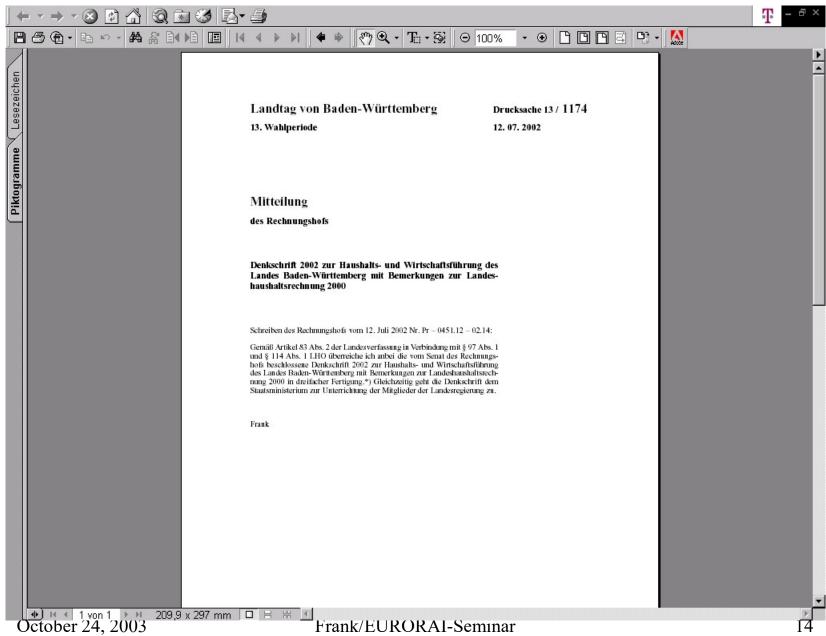


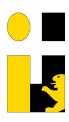
#### Reaction of the media











#### **Dealing in the State Parliament**

Parliamentary Commission of Finance (LtDrs. 13/1748 p. 55 - 58)

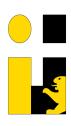
4 sessions (10/2002 - 02/2003); in the example - Fuchsien-Pavillion - detailed discussion, the deputies had little understanding how the building authorities proceeded

Minister of Finance: No fundamental contradiction to the statements of the Court of Audit, i.e. the procedure should not have occured this way. Measures have been taken to avoid any recurrences.

#### • Decision:

- 1. To ensure by implementing control measures that ... excessive expenditures will be avoided.
- 2. To inform the State Parliament on the steps taken until June 30, 2003.
- State Plenary Meeting (Febr. 20, 2003)

Decision recommendation of the Parliamentary Commission of Finance (in so far) unanimously adopted.



#### follow up

• Report of the State Government from July 1, 2003 – Printing No. 13/2213

Keeping responsibility of the building authorities for buildings up to € 375,000

Lists for observing building measures up to € 500,000 Ensuring consistent and continual control in place

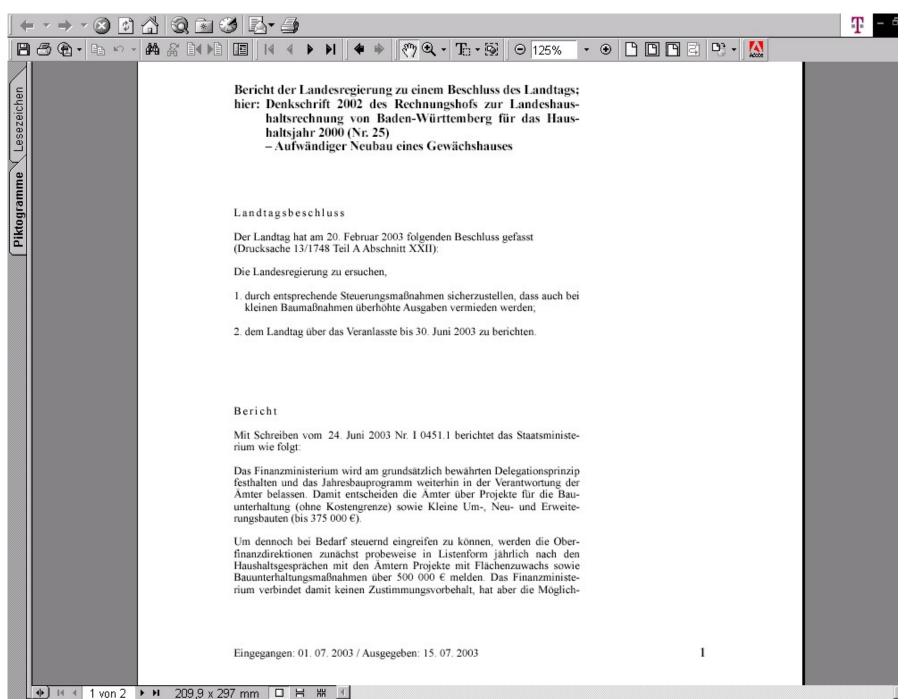


- Dealing Parliamentary Commission of Finance in Autumn 2003,
  - 1. Taking notice of the report submittet by the State Government

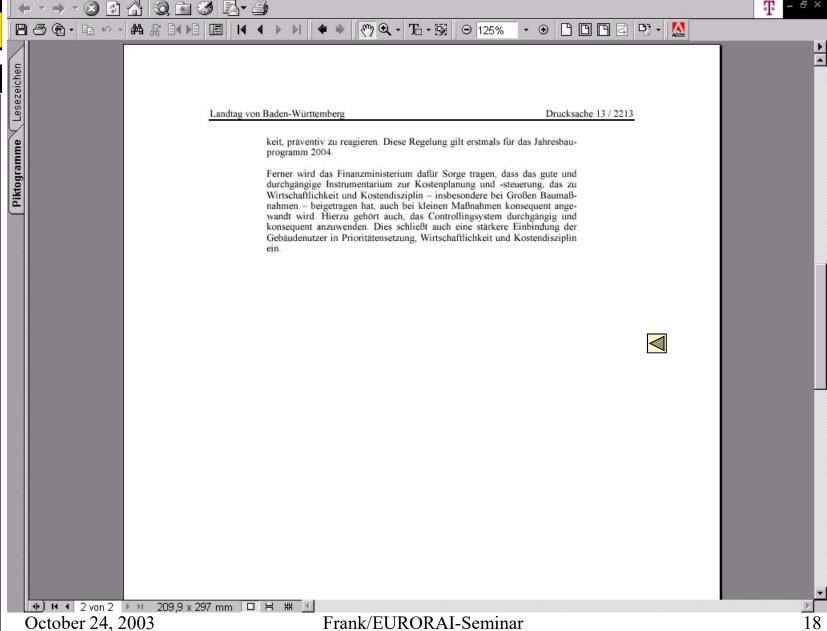


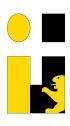
2. Settling of the matter.





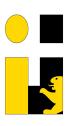






#### Result and prognosis

- My personal evaluation of the effect of the example is sceptical
  - Government is not willing, but also not in a position to take measures having direct impact.
- possibilities would be
  - liability of the competent civil servants in the building authorities or
  - transfering the finances from the building authoritites to the users,
     (who demands has to pay out for one's resources)



#### Classical audit and reaction pattern



#### **Adminstration**

violates the budget regulations, inefficiency



#### **Court of Audit**

Auditing and criticism

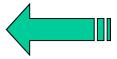


#### Government

Promises measures to be taken by the administration



Criticizing the adminstration and demanding efficient discharge and precautions



#### Administration

Denying the violation, conceding it later and promising improvement

Any time repeatable as only particular cases tackled and the system is not broken.





# Questions & discussion