



Vice-president Susana Labrador chaired a morning session of the island's Junta de Seguretat which was marked by the absence of administration chief Jaume Ferrer, on leave tending to health concerns, and the presence of Balearic envoy Maria Salom.

Others in attendance were the secretaries of the president's office, mobility and social welfare (Bartomeu Escandell, Rafael González and Vanessa Parellada, respectively), spokespersons of the island's distinct political parties, and representatives of the Guardia Civil, national and local law enforcement and civil protection corps.

Council officials say they hope to see six new officers added to Formentera's local police force in a selection process which, now concluded, drew some forty candidates. The meeting of the Junta also served as a sounding board for other issues —toughened stances on home break-ins, wildfires and vehicle fires— of concern to local residents.

Salom hailed what she called a “teamwork attitude” in the approach taken to safety on the island. She called a “tourist magnet” and highlighted “the positive vision Madrid disposes for the Balearics and Formentera”. The plan at the ministry level, said Salom, is to continue a two-year-old programme in which agents of the Italian carabinieri are dispatched to Formentera to provide additional summertime support.