

Kast's Star Adviser, Author of "Parásitos," Decries a "Bloated State" While Serving on Chile's ADP Panel Overseeing Public Executive Selection

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The SADP's 2024 report — verified by Fast Check CL — shows that Cristián Valenzuela sits on the expert panel that serves on committees selecting public-sector executives. While he attacks a "bloated state" in "Parásitos," his consistency is under scrutiny.



Even as his column “**Parásitos**” rails against a “**bloated state**” rife with “operatives,” **Cristián Valenzuela Bustos** —a top adviser to **José Antonio Kast**— is listed on the Public Senior Management (Alta Dirección Pública) panel that takes part in the **evaluation and selection of public-sector executives**, according to the **2024 report of the Public Senior Management System** reviewed by **Fast Check CL**. The overlap between his role within that institution and his anti-bureaucracy rhetoric underscores a **political contradiction** at the heart of the campaign.

Kast adviser on the ADP panel: what the 2024 SADP report shows

According to the 2024 annual report, the Public Senior Management System (SADP) maintains a **panel of 54 “expert professionals”** who sit on **selection committees** for **second-tier executive posts**. **Cristián Valenzuela** appears on that list. The document also notes that **6 of the 54** are currently **suspended** because they hold positions in the active administration; the report specifies the **composition and status** of the members.

The key point for the public debate: **the Republican Party presidential candidate’s adviser on the ADP panel** coexists with a message that brands the state as “bloated” and “captured.”

“Parásitos”: what Valenzuela said

“In Chile, the state isn’t sick; it’s rotten.”

“The state feeds off the people, not the other way around.”

“Parasites have no political color.”

“Public spending is out of control, debt is exploding, and public employees have grown by 50% over the last 10 years...”

Those lines —published in his column— clash with his **presence on the ADP panel**, a state body created to **professionalize and bring transparency** to appointments.

Context: Transparency Council debunks

Kast’s “100,000” claim (official 2023–2024 data)

The underlying debate is not abstract. The **Council for Transparency (CPLT)** compared **September 2023 vs. September 2024** and put the **change in**

central government headcount at **9,400** — far from the **100,000** hires Kast claimed for the entire period. Over that span, the **State Administration** went from **832,211** to **841,613** employees; of that total, **449,443** belong to the **Central Administration** (53%) and **392,170** to **municipalities** (47%). The public debate captured the contrast: government spokesperson **Camila Vallejo** called that figure “**totally and absolutely false**” and Sebastián Piñera’s former budget director **Matías Acevedo** labeled it “**fake news.**”

Moreover, the CPLT clarifies that the number reflects **net headcount variation** (hires minus departures), not gross “hirings,” and that most personnel work in **essential services — Health and Education** — with a predominance of **fixed-term contracts**. That factual context makes the gap between the maximalist diagnosis in “Parásitos” and the **institutional role Valenzuela** holds on a **state selection mechanism** even clearer.

Kast adviser on the ADP panel: how it works and what they can earn

Law No. 19,882 stipulates that panel experts **are paid per meeting**: a **minimum of 5 UF** (CLP \$195,000) and a **monthly cap of 60 UF** (CLP \$2,340,000), depending on attendance.

Important: merely **being on the roster** does not mean serving every month; compensation depends on **actual participation** in committees. Even so, the political question remains one of **consistency** between denouncing the “state caste” and serving within a **state selection mechanism**.

The Republican network within the ADP: Soza and Figueroa

The same roster includes **Carmen Soza** (attorney, former budget office official) and **Sebastián Figueroa** (executive director of **Acción Republicana**), according to Fast Check CL. Both are part of the **strategic ecosystem** around Kast—per media profiles—and, like Valenzuela, **appear as expert professionals** on the SADP panel. This is not an isolated case; it reflects an **embedded presence** within the body that **evaluates** who reaches senior posts in the state.

Consistency and accountability

The fact that a **Kast adviser sits on the ADP panel** while decrying a “bloated apparatus” **is not a mere technicality**; it is a **matter of consistency and probity** in the middle of a campaign. The Public Senior Management system was created to **protect merit** and curb political capture; thus, when its members **denounce** the state even as they **participate** in its **governance**, public scrutiny is not just warranted—it is **indispensable**.

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