

The Director General of the NBPR is not charged with suspected official crimes

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Public Prosecutor Jukka Rappe has decided not to prosecute for lack of evidence in a case concerning suspected official crimes by the Director General of the National Board of Patents and Registration, Martti Enäjärvi.

The Director General of the NBPR, **Martti Enäjärvi**, was suspected of violating his official duties in 1993-1998 by using the official car extensively for his private time and, in some cases, the agency's representation funds for catering at various events related to his private hobbies. The investigation also clarified suspected procedural violations related to the agency's taxi vouchers.

Public Prosecutor **Jukka Rappe** justifies the decision not to prosecute e.g. for the fact that the extensive preliminary investigation did not reveal any evidence that the official car trips suspected of being private were contrary to the duty of the Director-General. The information obtained during the preliminary investigation showed that it was probable that it would often have been a question of travel related to official duties.

Suspensions as to the private use of the Representative Office of the National Board of Patents and Registration were not supported by the preliminary investigation. Instead, it is likely that there have been occasions involving the management of stakeholder relations by the National Board of Patents and Registration, which entitles the use of representative funds.

Rappe also states that there had been negligence in the use of taxi vouchers, which, however, due to their minor nature, are not punishable as an official offense.

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