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Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Ghazi Wazni met with Caretaker Minister of Labor, Lamia Yammine, and the Director General of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Mohammad Karaki, in the presence of Acting Director General of Finance, George Maarawi. The meeting focused on the audit of the accounts of the NSSF and the other public institutions, on the financing of NSSF dues and on the provision of incentives to hospitals so they admit Corona patients that are NSSF beneficiaries, in addition to tackling 2021 Budget and how to include articles that would help the economic sector and offer it relevant incentives.

Minister Wazni promised to pay between LBP 50 and 75 billion to the NSSF early next week, noting that since 2015, only LBP 50 billion were paid to the NSSF on 16/10/2020.

As for the audit of the NSSF accounts, Minister Yammine handed Minister Wazni, for his consideration, an amended copy of the TOR prepared by the Ministry of Finance and developed by the NSSF Administration.

Karaki said that a decision was taken yesterday to increase the tariffs of the rooms allocated to Corona patients in private and government hospitals to LBP 200,000 per day for regular rooms and LBP 400,000 for ICU rooms.