



Georgian Prime Minister will appoint a tax ombudsman apparently by the end of this week, Prime Minister's spokesman, Nikoloz Mchedlishvili, said on January 26. He said that the Prime Minister would discuss the apparent candidates with the representatives of four business associations at a meeting planned on January 26. Among possible candidates there are Prime Minister's business liaison adviser, Giorgi Pertaia; President of the Georgian Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Jemal Inaishvili and Head of the Railway Department, Irakli Ezugbaia. Creation of a tax ombudsman's position is envisaged by [the new tax code](#), which went into force from January. According to the tax code, PM will appoint ombudsman through the agreement with Chairperson of the Parliament. Ombudsman will have to present an annual report on taxpayers' rights to the parliamentary committee for finances and budget.