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## Ex-member of Federation Council suspected of organizing tax evasion



The sixth department of the Head Office of the Investigative Committee has opened a criminal investigation against former member of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Zhanna Ivanova dismissed since 31 December 2015. She is suspected of organizing evading of paying taxes collectible from organizations on a very large scale (Article 199 of the RF Penal Code).

According to investigators, Ivanova, while being a deputy of the Sakhalin Region Duma between in the period 2008 and 2010, used the connections she had in executive and legislative authorities of Sakhalin Region lobbied that the town of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk bought a non-residential building in municipal ownership. Later, having received for the sold building about 100 million rubles and aware that taxes should be paid, Ivanova with assistance of her husband forged documents on alleged expenses of the company that should have decreased the tax. Information of those expenses was put in accounting and tax reports. As a result the federal budget did not get more than 14 million rubles

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The suspect has been released on recognizance. The investigation is ongoing.

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