

**Question for written answer E-002812/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Bert-Jan Ruissen (ECR)

Subject: Disclosure of text messages between Commission President von der Leyen and Pfizer-CEO Bourla

On 7 July 2025, the debate on the tabled motion of censure against the Commission took place in Strasbourg. This motion concerned the non-disclosure of text messages between Commission President von der Leyen and Pfizer-CEO Bourla. During this debate, the Commission President unfortunately did not commit to making the text messages public, despite the ruling of the General Court of the European Union of 14 May 2025¹. The deadline for lodging an appeal against that judgment elapsed on 14 July 2025.

1. Did the Commission avail itself of the opportunity to lodge an appeal against the judgment of the General Court of the European Union of 14 May 2025?
2. During the debate on 7 July 2025, the Commission President stressed the importance of transparency in European public administration. How does the Commission intend to actually demonstrate this transparency? Does the Commission still intend to make the text messages public?
3. The Commission stated the following in its press release of 14 May 2025: ‘The Commission will now closely study the General Court’s decision and decide on next steps. To this effect, the Commission will adopt a new decision providing a more detailed explanation²’ – When does the Commission expect to publish this decision?

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¹ Judgment of the General Court of the European Union of 14 May 2025, T-36/23, ECLI:EU:T:2025:483 (*Stevi and The New York Times v Commission*).

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_1211.