

**Question for written answer E-004273/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up questions in response to the answers to the questions on the appointment of heads of cabinet in return for political support

In her answers to the questions of 6 May the Commission President states that she has spoken to leaders of political parties that are ‘pro-European, pro-rule of law and pro-Ukraine’ and that the exchange covered organisational and policy priorities.

1. Can you give concrete examples of the organisational and policy priorities that were discussed? More specifically: was there discussion about which individuals should become heads of cabinet? I would like to point out that I already asked this question on 6 May, but that so far it remains unanswered.
2. What is your view on the statement: ‘Parties that have been democratically elected, represent a constituency and should therefore, in principle, have an equal opportunity to influence policy’, and to what extent is this statement consistent with selectively approaching parties for a discussion?
3. With which parties were discussions entered into and what criteria does the Commission employ to determine discussion partners, and how compatible is this approach with the Commission’s obligation to be politically independent?

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