Question for written answer E-003002/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Will Parliament really be able to scrutinise the Commission's decisions?

Under the new agreement governing its relations with Parliament, the Commission pledges to comply with more stringent information-sharing obligations, particularly as regards document transparency and transmission, while Commissioners will have to make themselves more available for (and attend a greater number of) hearings, committee debates and other proceedings involving MEPs. The new agreement also aims to enhance the follow-up to Parliament's legislative requests by laying down clearer deadlines and requiring the Commission to issue more structured replies.

A number of recent proceedings have highlighted that Parliament is struggling to obtain specific preparatory documents, legal opinions and information held by the Commission within a timeframe that would enable the EP to effectively exercise its powers of scrutiny.

1. What specific measures will the Commission take to ensure that it complies with the allotted deadlines for sending the confidential and other documents that Parliament needs to scrutinise its decisions?

2. Will it publish a register of Parliament's legislative requests that includes the Commission's answers, response times and the reasons given to justify any refusals?

3. How will it ensure that its members respond to Parliament's invitations and report to MEPs over the progress they have achieved in fulfilling their commitments – particularly those made at their respective confirmation hearings and before the relevant parliamentary committees?

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