

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002157/25
to the Commission
Kathleen Funchion (The Left)
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Subject: Pfizer legal costs

Can the Commission state the cost incurred in defending Court of Justice of the European Union case T-36/23 (*Stevi and The New York Times v Commission*) in terms of both external legal advice and fees, and in-house work hours expended by Commission legal staff to date?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(9 July 2025)**

The General Court has ordered the Commission to pay the legal costs of this court case. Since these costs have not yet been liquidated, it is not possible to quantify the legal costs at this stage.

Concerning other costs related to the legal representation of the Commission, no fees or other disbursements for external lawyers have been incurred.

As in similar judicial cases concerning administrative decisions taken by the Commission and challenged before EU Courts, no external lawyers were hired.

The agents representing the Commission in this case are staff members of its Legal Service. Since it is part of the official duties of the staff members of the Commission's Legal Service to represent the institution in those judicial proceedings, no separate invoice of work hours or costs can be determined for this particular case.
