

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002216/25
to the Commission
Christine Anderson (ESN)
(3 June 2025)**

Subject: Commissioners' expenditure on personal services — follow-up to Question P-001177/2023

During a meeting at the German Bundestag, the new Commissioner for Budget Piotr Serafin stated that he pays for personal services such as hairdressers' visits out of his own pocket and does not charge such costs to the EU budget. In the light of this welcome clarification relating to him personally, and of the previous priority question for written answer P-001177/2023 ⁽¹⁾ asking about the Commission's expenditure on photographers, hairdressers and make-up artists, some follow-up questions arise.

1. Since the beginning of the current mandate, which Members of the Commission — including the President of the Commission — have charged costs for photographers, hairdressers, make-up artists or similar personal services to the EU budget?
2. Since the beginning of the current mandate, what is the total cost of the services mentioned in the priority question for written answer P-001177/2023 such as photography, hairdressing and make-up?
3. Does the Commission plan, in the interests of budgetary discipline, to disclose such expenditure on its website in future, including on an individual basis, or to provide an annual breakdown?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(8 October 2025)**

As the Commission noted in its replies to written questions E-000411/2025 and P-001177/2023, photographic coverage of College members' activities across the EU is essential for informing citizens about the Commission's work and ensuring transparency. All photos are provided to media free of charge on the Commission's audiovisual portal ⁽¹⁾ for news reporting or educational purposes.

For the period from 1 December 2024 to 31 May 2025, the total expenditure for photographers was EUR 878 000, covering hundreds of events in all Member States and outside the EU. This includes salaries and travel costs.

There is no expenditure for hairdressers charged to the EU budget. Make-up services are provided to prepare the Commissioners for their television studio interviews, press room appearances and video statements.

Such services are included in the overall framework service contract to run the television studios at the Commission headquarters. For the period from 1 December 2024 to 31 May 2025, make-up service costs are expected to amount to EUR 56 000, in line with the dedicated budget foreseen under this contract.

These services are used by all members of the College. Make-up services are also available for Commission staff when conducting television interviews, participating in video recordings and similar activities.

The Commission is committed to transparency and sound financial management. Information regarding the procurement of such services is publicly available on the Financial Transparency System ⁽²⁾.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-001177_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/>.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.