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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission does not comment on ongoing investigations. Member State authorities are responsible for the investigation and prosecution of corruption offences and the enforcement of other rules mentioned by the Honourable Member, such as those concerning electoral campaign finance. This must be done according to the Member State's constitutional and legislative rules, subject to EU law and its international obligations.

Strengthening the rule of law and the fight against corruption are key priorities for the Commission. The annual Rule of Law Report is a key tool enabling the Commission to monitor developments in all Member States, including their anti-corruption framework, through active dialogue with the national authorities. The Report includes concrete recommendations to all Member States, including Cyprus, helping them identify what improvements are needed.

The Directive on combatting corruption¹, which is expected to enter into force in the first half of 2026, will greatly facilitate the investigation and prosecution of corruption offences in and across Member States. It will also help strengthen Member States' preventive and integrity measures.

As announced in the European Democracy Shield², the Commission will further support common work with the Member States on the transparency and integrity of funding in politics³, looking at issues of common interest such as anonymous donations and cryptocurrency.

¹ COM(2023) 234 final <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52023PC0234>.

² JOIN(2025) 791 final https://commission.europa.eu/document/2539eb53-9485-4199-bfdc-97166893ff45_en.

³ This will notably rely on the work to support the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/900 on the transparency and targeting of political advertising, the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2023/2829 on inclusive and resilient electoral processes in the Union and enhancing the European nature and efficient conduct of the elections to the European Parliament, the proposed Directive on combating corruption COM(2023)234 final, EU anti-money laundering and other relevant EU rules.