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**Priority question for written answer P-002642/26
to the Commission
Mariusz Kamiński (ECR)
(25 June 2026)**

Subject: Influence on the design of the AML/CFT package of the former Commissioner Didier Reynders, who stands accused of money laundering

When responding to my Question E-000455/2026 ⁽¹⁾, the President of the European Commission — while purporting to uphold the principle of collegiality — avoided any real consideration whatsoever of the question as to whether Didier Reynders, the former Commissioner for Justice who stands accused of money laundering and other serious crimes during his time as Commissioner, exerted any influence over the legislative procedure surrounding the anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) package. At the same time, however, the Commission conceded that this procedure, ‘naturally involved all the members of the College and their cabinets’ ⁽²⁾.

It is unacceptable that there has been no independent review of decisions taken by the Commissioner responsible for justice and thus jointly responsible for AML policy, despite the fact that he is facing such serious accusations. This raises legitimate questions about potential conflicts of interests, susceptibility to influence and the integrity of the legislative process.

I therefore request a concrete response to the following question:

During work on the AML/CFT package, did Commissioner Reynders, the members of his cabinet or the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers which he headed up put forward any comments, amendments, reservations or opinions aimed at weakening, restricting or rejecting the package’s coverage of practices such as money laundering through lotteries, art trading, evading sanctions through real estate transactions or concealing suspicious contacts through foundations, associations or think tanks, including structures with links to tax havens, or in other words practices directly associated with mechanisms in which — according to media reports and charges brought by the law enforcement authorities — Didier Reynders was allegedly involved during his term as Commissioner?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(5 October 2026)**

The Commission recalls its reply given to the Honourable Member’s Written Question E-000455/2026 ⁽¹⁾.

The decisions taken by the Commission are governed by the Treaties and the Commission’s Rules of Procedure. The College of Commissioners adopts decisions according to the principle of collegiality.

Close cooperation and effective coordination between Commission services are essential to ensure that legislative initiatives are properly prepared.

The Commission confirms that all applicable rules of the adoption procedure were followed for this initiative. Prior to adoption by the College, the anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) package ⁽²⁾ was subject to an interservice consultation, which was led by the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA).

The AML/CFT package proposed by the Commission in 2021 was adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council as co-legislators in 2024. The package significantly strengthens the EU’s AML/CFT framework and makes it more difficult for criminals to launder money.

The Commission is focused on the effective implementation of the package. Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 ⁽³⁾, which establishes the new anti-money laundry authority (AMLA), has been in application since 26 June 2024. Regulation (EU) 2024/1624 ⁽⁴⁾ and Directive (EU) 2024/1640 (AMLD6) ⁽⁵⁾ will apply as of 10 July 2027.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000455_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000455-ASW_EN.html.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000455_EN.html.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/daily-view/L-series/default.html?&ojDate=19062024>.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1620/oj/eng>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1624/oj/eng>.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1640/oj/eng>.