

2017 Discharge to the Commission

WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO COMMISSIONER OETTINGER

Hearing on 3 December 2018

Updated replies to questions 12 and 20

12. What was the amount of the highest pension paid to officials in 2016 and 2017? What was the amount of the lowest pension paid to officials in 2016 and 2017? What was the average pension paid in 2016 and 2017? What is the average pension paid to officials who retired in 2016 and 2017? Could you please provide the above requested figures per European Institution, respectively?

Commission's answer:

EU pension rights are acquired by staff in proportion to the service rendered throughout their whole career across all EU institutions and bodies. As the EU Pension scheme is unique and there are no specific pensions associated with individual EU institutions or bodies, the Commission provides consolidated figures for all Institutions and bodies. Please note that pension rights are acquired mainly depending on the date of the entry into service, the length of the service and the corresponding pension contributions paid by staff. The same rules apply for officials, temporary staff and contract staff, with variations based on the introduction of new rules in the Staff Regulation reforms of 2004 and 2014.

The amount of the highest pension paid in 2016 is equal to EUR 11.034. The average pension paid in 2016 is equal to approx. EUR 4.520. The average of new pensions paid in 2016 is equal to approx. EUR 4.482.

The amount of the highest pension paid in 2017 is equal to EUR 11.510. The average pension paid in 2017 is equal to approx. EUR 4.640. The average of new pensions paid in 2017 is equal to approx. EUR 4.740.

20. Under exceptional and duly justified circumstances for official or diplomatic purposes the Commission does cover the cost and expenses of third parties accompanying a Commissioner. When have such circumstances arisen in 2017? Who travelled on these missions apart from the Commissioner? What was the purpose of travel? What expenses were incurred on the individual journeys?

Commission's answer:

The reply to this question requires extensive work that could not be finalized in the given timeframe. The reply will be sent to the CONT secretariat by next 7 December.