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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Gilles Pargneaux
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013, Section I – European Parliament (2014/2078(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a decision 1
Citation 4 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to the Decision of the European Ombudsman closing her own-initiative inquiry OI/1/2014/PMC from 26 February 2015 on internal rules concerning disclosure in the public interest ('whistleblowing'),

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

1. **Grants** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2013;

1. **Postpones** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas, in accordance with the usual procedure, a questionnaire was sent to the Parliament administration and replies were

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received and discussed by the Committee on Budgetary Control, in the presence of the Vice-Presidents responsible for budget, the Secretary-General and the Internal Auditor;

of replies were discussed by the Committee on Budgetary Control, in the presence of the Vice-Presidents responsible for budget, the Secretary-General and the Internal Auditor; *taking into account the fact that, for the first time, a series of questions from Members did not receive any reply, either in writing or orally, thus preventing Parliament from having the relevant information and being able to make an informed decision as to certain important aspects relating to the discharge of Parliament;*

Or. es

Amendment 4
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable to Union citizens; whereas there is permanent scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in the management of public finances;

Amendment

D. whereas scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration *and political leadership* is held accountable to Union citizens; whereas there is permanent scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in the management of public finances;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Catherine Bearder, Marisa Matias, Aldo Patriciello, Jan Zahradil, Evžen Tošenovský, Lynn Boylan, Giovanni La Via, Jan Philipp Albrecht, Jens Geier, Marietje Schaake, Pina Picierno, Richard Sulík, Tomáš Zdechovský, Benedek Jávor, Salvatore Domenico Pogliese, Bart Staes, Pascal Arimont, Paul Tang, Morten Messerschmidt, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Ashley Fox, Ulla Tørnæs, Ivo Belet, Ivan Štefanec, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Esther de Lange, Fredrick Federley, Jeroen Lenaers, Nicola Caputo, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Peter van Dalen, Ulrike Lunacek, Daniel Dalton, Diane Dodds, Ernest Urtasun, Molly Scott Cato, Alessia Maria Mosca, Elly Schlein, Luigi Morgano, Ruža Tomašić, Simona

Bonafè, Anneliese Dodds, Daniele Viotti, Massimo Paolucci, Anne-Marie Mineur, Patrizia Toia, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Helga Stevens, Sander Loones, Mark Demesmaeker, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the Court of Auditors Report adopted on 11.07.2014 states that the potential saving for the EU Budget would be about 114 million euro a year if the European Parliament centralised its activities;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Notes that Parliament's final appropriations for 2013 totalled EUR 1 750 463 939, or 19,07 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework set aside for the 2013 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole representing a 1,9 % increase over the 2012 budget (EUR 1 717 868 121);

1. Notes that Parliament's final appropriations for 2013 totalled EUR 1 750 463 939, or 19,07 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework set aside for the 2013 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole representing a 1,9 % increase over the 2012 budget (EUR 1 717 868 121); ***regrets this increase against the background of the economic crisis which is still affecting many EU Member States; takes the view that an increase justified by indexation based on the inflation rate should be considered inappropriate because many Member States are experiencing the disturbing phenomenon of stagnation and deflation;***

Or. it

Amendment 7
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Recalls**, however, that ***this high level of implementation is partly attributable to the practice of making ‘mopping-up’*** transfers for the ***purposes*** of transferring any appropriations available at year-end to the budget lines for buildings and, in particular, for advance capital payments to reduce future interest payments;

Amendment

6. **Points out**, however, that ***such a high percentage figure in budget execution does not reveal if it contains*** transfers for the ***purpose*** of transferring any appropriations available at year-end to the budget lines for buildings and, in particular, for advance capital payments to reduce future interest payments; ***wishes therefore to receive the budget execution figure prior to the start of the ‘mopping-up’ procedure;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. **Reminds its administration that Parliament has repeatedly called for its property policy to be properly budgetised; expects this to happen as of the 2016 budget year;**

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Points out** the ever increasing level of carry-overs into 2013 of EUR 305 457 875 (2012: EUR 222 900 384);

Amendment

9. **Criticizes** the ever increasing level of carry-overs into 2013 of EUR 305 457 875 (2012: EUR 222 900 384);

Or. en

Amendment 10
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls for a short summary (three pages) of the main criticisms contained in the Internal Audit Service's annual report to be drawn up by 20 May 2015;

Or. de

Amendment 11
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Urges the departmental and central management to implement the remaining 'open actions' without further delay; calls on **the Internal Auditor to agree** to stricter timetables on actions to be implemented; calls on the Internal Auditor to keep the Committee on Budgetary Control informed on the progress achieved on those actions;

17. Urges the departmental and central management to implement the remaining 'open actions' without further delay; calls on **them to adhere** to stricter timetables on actions to be implemented; calls on the Internal Auditor to keep the Committee on Budgetary Control informed on the progress achieved on those actions;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Takes note of the written answers to the 2012 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 28 October 2014; **welcomes** the presentation by the Secretary-General to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2012 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed;

Amendment

18. Takes note of the written answers to the 2012 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 28 October 2014 **and of** the presentation by the Secretary-General to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2012 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed; **regrets that some of Parliament's recommendations did not receive the appropriate follow-up;**

Or. es

Amendment 13
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note that after five years of implementation of the new Statute for parliamentary assistants **an** evaluation should have been **prepared** by the end of 2014; points out that as of 31 December 2013 there were 1763 accredited parliamentary assistants employed within Parliament; **asks that its Committee on Budgetary Control be informed on the evaluation results;**

Amendment

19. Takes note that after five years of implementation of the new Statute for parliamentary assistants **the** evaluation should have been **submitted** by the end of 2014, **as the Secretary-General had undertaken to do in his oral replies and in writing concerning the follow-up to Parliament's recommendations for the 2012 discharge; calls for the evaluation to be carried out in association with the representatives of accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) of the previous parliamentary term who are still working in Parliament, for it to be**

submitted by 30 June 2015 and for the Committee on Budgetary Control be informed of its results; points out that as of 31 December 2013 there were 1763 accredited parliamentary assistants employed within Parliament;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Takes note*** that after five years of implementation of the new Statute for parliamentary assistants an evaluation should have been prepared by the end of 2014; ***points out that as of 31 December 2013 there were 1763 accredited parliamentary assistants employed within Parliament; asks that its*** Committee on Budgetary Control ***be informed on*** the evaluation results;

Amendment

19. ***Points out that as of 31 December 2013 there were 1763 accredited parliamentary assistants employed within the European Parliament; reminds its administration*** that after five years of implementation of the new Statute for parliamentary assistants an evaluation ***report*** should have been prepared by the end of 2014; ***wants to be informed about the reason for the delay; calls on its administration to inform the*** Committee on Budgetary Control ***about*** the evaluation results ***as soon as possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that the catering service registered a deficit of EUR 3 500 000 at the end of 2013; is surprised that an increase of

Amendment

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customers by around 150 % during the period 2002 to 2011 didn't provide the opportunity for a balanced financial situation; reiterates its request, in light of the second revision of prices (approved by the Bureau on 10 June 2013), that price policies in Parliament should not depart from practice in other institutions; points out, for instance, the different price structure in the catering services and cafeterias of the Commission;

customers by around 150 % during the period 2002 to 2011 didn't provide the opportunity for a balanced financial situation; reiterates its request, in light of the second revision of prices (approved by the Bureau on 10 June 2013), that price policies in Parliament should not depart from practice in other institutions; points out, for instance, the different price structure in the catering services and cafeterias of the Commission; ***points out, furthermore, that the substantial increase in the prices of the menus offered has not been accompanied by any improvement in either quality or variety, which, on the contrary, have deteriorated considerably;***

Or. es

Amendment 16
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Wonders why there is a surcharge for the coffee provided at the entrance to some of the parliamentary committee meeting rooms, which costs 20% more than the same product which can be obtained either from the same type of machine or in Parliament's cafeterias; points out that the service is managed by the same company that is responsible for catering which, in turn, operates the Nespresso vending machines in Parliament; deems it necessary for an explanation to be given about the additional cost of the extension of the contract between Parliament and this contractor;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Takes the view that particular importance should be attached to improving opportunities for access by SMEs to all EU concessions markets; is of the view that the concession granted by Parliament to the current company responsible for catering in the Brussels headquarters is an obstacle to the freedom to provide services as it deprives other small and medium-sized enterprises of the commercial rights and opportunities they have hitherto had very little chance to benefit from; calls for Parliament to consider introducing a degree of flexibility into concessions contracts to ensure that other operators have genuine, non-discriminatory access to specific services; is of the opinion that this will also foster a more optimal use of resources and will enable better quality services to be enjoyed at the best price;

Or. es

Amendment 18
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Acknowledges the quality of the exchange of views between the Vice Presidents responsible for the budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on

21. Notes the exchange of views between the Vice Presidents responsible for the budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control in the

Budgetary Control in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 26 January 2015;

presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors and the Internal Auditor, on 26 January 2015;

Or. es

Amendment 19
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Criticises, in that connection, the fact that the Secretary-General has failed to answer a series of questions put by MEPs; emphasises that effective monitoring of the implementation of Parliament's budget has always called for and will continue to call for close cooperation between Parliament's Administration and the Committee on Budgetary Control; calls, therefore, on the Secretary-General to complete the questionnaire by answering the following questions in writing:

Strategic Execution Framework for the European Parliament

150 - When presenting the Strategic Execution Framework (SEF) for the European Parliament on 3 June 2014, the Secretary-General stated that the SEF is based on an academic theory developed at the Stanford School of Engineering in Palo Alto (California). Can the Secretary-General explain how Parliament came to choose this theory as the basis for the SEF? Were other theories developed by other universities or specialist establishments, in particular in Europe, or other international institutions considered, studied and compared before Parliament opted for the Stanford theory? If so, why was the theory developed by the

***Stanford School of Engineering chosen?
How was the decision taken, and by
whom?***

***151 - Can the Stanford theory be used
free of charge, or is Parliament required
to pay a fee of some kind? If so, what is
the fee involved?***

***152 - When the SEF was being developed,
did Parliament staff have to undergo
specific training at Stanford or any other
academic institution? If so, which staff
members (grades and posts) underwent
training and how much did that training
cost for each person? Will further
training be required in the future ? If so,
how much will it cost?***

***153 - Are there plans to hold
interdepartmental discussions or
discussions with the Staff Committee and
trade unions about the SEF? How and
when will the SEF be implemented and
what is the likely cost?***

Strategic Documents

***154 - In recent months the Secretary-
General has submitted to the Bureau a
series of strategic documents on the
functioning of Parliament which will have
a decisive bearing not only on
administrative life, but also on
Parliament's approach to EU lawmaking
and policies; Given these documents'
importance for the organisation and
future development of our work, why has
no provision been made for a discussion
and decision-making procedure which
involves all the parties concerned, and not
just Parliament's Bureau?***

Resource Efficiency Measures Strategy

***155 - Before the new time slots for
meetings were proposed and introduced,
was the impact of the changes on the
organisation of Members' work assessed?
(restricted time slots for meetings,
working meetings, meetings with
organisations and members of the public,***

etc. outside official meetings)? Why were Members not consulted on a decision which has such a clear bearing on their work?

Members of the European Parliament

156 - Now that it has been operating for several months, how effective has the one-stop shop for the provision of parliamentary services to Members been?

Directorate-General for Communication

Communication strategy and preparation of the information campaign for the 2014 elections

157 - The European Youth Event held in May 2014 as part of that campaign brought 5000 young people to Strasbourg. When that event was being prepared, was due account taken of the economic situation in Europe and of the way in which the expenditure involved in holding an event on such a scale might be perceived by young Europeans?

158-Is the concept 'ACT, REACT, IMPACT' generally considered to be a success? What are the performance indicators to measure this success? How is the concept used after the elections and was any assessment/evaluation report made after the EP legislative and value campaigns? Please provide the Committee on Budgetary Control with a copy of the evaluation.

159-What assessment/evaluation has been made of the multi-annual grants programme 2012-2014 aimed at raising awareness on the role of the European Parliament and can such evaluations be made available to the Budget Control Committee?

Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs)

160 - Has the effectiveness of the recruitment tool for APAs, APA-PEOPLE, introduced at the start of the

parliamentary term already been assessed?

161-What was the reason for a delay of several months for some APA to be included in the relevant mailing lists of EP (Assistants 8th legislature, Bruxelles) which has impeded them from receiving information concerning their work? Have some measures been taken?

Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics

Catering services

162-Would like to know the reason for the prices in the SQM building are 25% more expensive than in the ASP canteen and if this doesn't hamper the intention to drive out customers from the overcrowded ASP canteen.

Directorate-General for Security and Safety (DG SAFE)

163-Which measures have been identified to increase security after recent breaches notably on 7 of October 2014 by Kurdish protesters? Will the New Global Security Concept be updated?

164-Did the parliament acquire an electronic recognition system for car's number plates? What was the cost? Was this system installed and used at the entrances of the garage to check if the number plate corresponds with the information on the entry badge?

Or. xm

Amendment 20
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Recommends, in the interests of the greater transparency and effectiveness of Parliament's political and administrative activities, that all Members, Parliament staff and the general public be informed, immediately and generally, of all agendas and minutes of meetings and decisions taken by Parliament's decision-making bodies; recalls the usefulness of the old Committee on the Rules of Procedure as a forum for discussing and improving, in a transparent and public manner, both the regulatory process and Parliament's internal affairs; recommends in this regard that a neutralised Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Internal Affairs be established, to enable all these matters to be dealt with and subsequently legitimised by Parliament in plenary session;

Or. es

Amendment 21

Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes with concern the decline in turnout in the 2014 European elections to 42,54 % (2009: 43 %), in spite of the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign, which cost EUR 17 800 000 over the period 2013 to 2014;

23. Is deeply worried that the European Parliament allocated EUR 17 800 000 to promotional activities described as institutional election campaign over the period 2013 to 2014 while turnout in the 2014 European elections declined again to 42,54% (2009: 43%);

Or. en

Amendment 22
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

23. Notes with concern the decline in turnout in the 2014 European elections to 42,54 % (2009: 43 %), in spite of the considerable efforts made to reinforce Parliament's institutional election campaign, which cost EUR 17 800 000 over the period 2013 to 2014; ***encourages the Parliament to adopt a new strategy aiming at increasing the attractiveness of the European elections in the Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Emphasises that an external ex post evaluation report of the communication strategy for the 2014 elections is expected by June 2015;

Amendment

24. Emphasises that an external ex post evaluation report of the communication strategy for the 2014 elections is expected by June 2015; ***asks that the Committee on Budgetary Control will be informed on the date of publication; expects a detailed analysis of the funds in the report;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Notes that the European Parliament Eurobarometer survey (EB/EP 82.5) shows that during the 2014 electoral campaign 23% of the respondents had a very negative image of the European Parliament, while 43% had a neutral image; points out that media analysis learns that a negative image is often related to financial arrangements for Members, such as allowances, salaries and the budget of the European Parliament in general. Is convinced therefore that structural improvements, for example in full transparency and accounting of the general expenditure allowance, are needed to improve trust and support for the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. **Recalls** the establishment of the new Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research which will provide independent **scientific** advice **both for political bodies of Parliament and for individual Members;**

25. **Notes** the establishment of the new Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research which will provide independent **academic** advice **principally to individual Members, thereby supplementing the work of the policy departments which cater for the needs of parliamentary bodies;**

Or. en

Amendment 26
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recalls the establishment of the new Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research which will provide independent scientific advice both for political bodies of Parliament and for individual Members;

Amendment

25. Recalls the establishment of the new Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research which will provide independent scientific advice both for political bodies of Parliament and for individual Members; ***expresses its concern about the possible confusion that might be caused among the public due to the exponential growth and proliferation of documents concerning the widest-ranging topics and published in Parliament's name, compared to the texts that are adopted under the ordinary parliamentary procedure, which constitute the legitimate opinion of the European Parliament; recommends that the Secretary-General submit proposals with a view to restoring the predominance of the essential political activity of the European Parliament so that maximum resources are used to further strengthen the parliamentary work of Members, political groups and parliamentary committees;***

Or. es

Amendment 27
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Welcomes the setting-up of a unit to assess the impact of European legislation; calls for this service to focus on the compromises negotiated by the European

Parliament and Parliament amendments to Commission proposals; calls, by 30 October 2015, for an approach to be developed to the prompt assessment of legislation and its impact, for the profile of the service to be raised among Members and for a breakdown of the overall costs to be provided; urges this service to hold regular exchanges of views with the corresponding services in the Commission, the Council and the national parliaments;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes the cooperation agreement *with* the European Economic and Social Committee *and* the Committee of the Regions; is of the opinion that effective interinstitutional cooperation should be improved; believes that pooling expertise and purchasing power in areas where the institutions require assistance of a similar nature should improve delivery and may reduce overall costs;

Amendment

26. Notes the cooperation agreement *between* the European Economic and Social Committee (*EESC*), the Committee of the Regions (*CoR*) *and the European Parliament, which was finally signed on 5 February 2014 and which began with a transfer of important staff from both committees to the new European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)*; is of the opinion that effective interinstitutional cooperation should be improved *and* believes that pooling expertise and purchasing power in areas where the institutions require assistance of a similar nature should improve delivery and may reduce overall costs; *hopes that the development of this agreement between the three institutions will achieve these objectives, be balanced and be of equal benefit to the three institutions; calls on each of these institutions, once this collaboration has been implemented for a year, to conduct an individual*

assessment of the impact of this agreement from the point of view of human resources, expenditure, synergies, added value and substance;

Or. es

Amendment 29
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Takes note of the creation of Directorate-General for Security and Safety; recalls that the internalisation of Parliament's security services has generated savings of EUR 195 000 in 2013 and is projected to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016;

Amendment

27. Takes note of the creation of Directorate-General for Security and Safety; recalls that the internalisation of Parliament's security services has generated savings of EUR 195 000 in 2013 and is projected to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016; *considers it appropriate to negotiate with the Belgian Government a greater contribution on its part to the security of the European Parliament, given that Belgium benefits economically from the presence of the EU institutions on its territory;*

Or. it

Amendment 30
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

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Parliament's security services has generated savings of EUR 195 000 in 2013 and is projected to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016; *calls for an evaluation of the quality of the security service before and after the creation of the Directorate-General for Security and Safety to be submitted to the Committee of Budgetary Control by 30 September 2015; insists that a comparative study of the security systems of other institutions be carried out;*

Or. en

Amendment 31

Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Reiterates that maintaining the security of Parliament's buildings and their immediate surroundings must be given the highest priority; requests that as part of this work security in the car parks should be improved, and the access to the parts of the buildings containing Members' offices in Parliament should be controlled;

Or. en

**Amendment 32
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28**

Motion for a resolution

28. Is concerned **with** the lack of parity in the administration whereby women accounted for 29 % of heads of unit, 34 % of directors and 33 % of Directors-General as of 31 December 2013;

Amendment

28. Is concerned **about** the lack of parity in the administration whereby women accounted for 29 % of heads of unit, 34 % of directors and 33 % of Directors-General as of 31 December 2013; ***calls for the implementation of an equal opportunities plan, especially with regard to management positions, in order to remedy this imbalance as soon as possible;***

Or. es

Amendment 33
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 34
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Calls for a balance as regards country of origin to be sought among senior officials of Parliament's Administration; expects a report setting out the progress made towards achieving this objective to be drawn up by the end of 2015;

Or. de

Amendment

28b. Asks to be provided, by the end of 2015, with year-on-year breakdowns of trends in staffing levels and staff costs, by

grade and level of management; asks Parliament's Administration to state whether comparable studies of the administrations of international parliamentary assemblies could contain important lessons for Parliament's work;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes that the implementing measures for the Code of Conduct for Members were adopted by the Bureau on 15 April 2013;

Amendment

29. Notes that the implementing measures for the Code of Conduct for Members were adopted by the Bureau on 15 April 2013; *is, however, concerned by the lack of implementation and differences of interpretation as reported by a coalition of NGOs[1] and calls for a strengthening of the position of the Advisory Committee by providing it with a right of initiative to start random checks of the declarations of interests provided by Members;*

*[1] ALTER-EU: Mind the Gap
(<http://www.alter-eu.org/sites/default/files/documents/Mind%20the%20Gap%20briefing.pdf>)*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Furthermore, recommends the Bureau to consider augmenting the existing remedies and/or sanctions and applying these when conflicts of interest occur and to consider the current Code of Conduct as a rolling document which shall be clarified or modified in the light of any issues identified by the Advisory Committee or the Bureau itself; calls, in particular, for a clarification to the extent that it should be prohibited that entities involved in lobbying give support in terms of staff to Members;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Stresses that Members must be more transparent about the on-the-side activities they do while in public office; recalls, however, that Members, similarly to Members of national parliaments, do not have an exclusive mandate and may therefore exercise other professional activities; is of the opinion that a more comprehensive declaration template for Members would help to increase transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interests;

Amendment

30. Stresses that Members must be more transparent about the on-the-side activities they do while in public office; recalls, however, that Members, similarly to Members of national parliaments, do not have an exclusive mandate and may therefore exercise other professional activities; is of the opinion that a more comprehensive declaration template for Members would help to increase transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interests; ***requests the Secretary-General to set up a public database, to be accessible through the Parliament's website, of all the on-the-side activities of individual Members;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

30. Stresses that Members must be more transparent about the on-the-side activities they do while in public office; recalls, however, that Members, similarly to Members of national parliaments, do not have an exclusive mandate and may therefore exercise other professional activities; is of the opinion that a more comprehensive declaration template for Members ***publicly available online in a digital form*** would help to increase transparency ***and accountability*** and avoid potential conflicts of interests;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. ***Stresses*** that Members must be more transparent about the on-the-side activities they do while in public office; recalls, however, that Members, similarly to Members of national parliaments, do not have an exclusive mandate and may therefore exercise other professional activities; is of the opinion that a more ***comprehensive*** declaration template for Members would help to increase transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interests;

Amendment

30. ***Welcomes the fact*** that Members must be more transparent about the on-the-side activities they do while in public office; recalls, however, that Members, similarly to Members of national parliaments, do not have an exclusive mandate and may therefore exercise other professional activities; is of the opinion that a more ***detailed*** declaration template for Members would help to increase transparency and avoid potential conflicts of interests;

Amendment 40
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Stresses the need for greater transparency as regards the general spending allowances for Members; considers it advisable for every Member to submit an end-of-year public report on these allowances;

Or. it

Amendment 41
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Expresses concern that the general expenditure allowance is not audited and that it is paid without proper supporting documents;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30c. Regrets that until now the General Expenditure Allowance for Members is considered as a lump-sum amount and that there are no precise rules for the expenditures that may be covered by the Allowance; is astonished that Members do not have to account for the way they have used the allowance and that for Members who wish to do so, verification of their accounts by the internal auditor of the Parliament is not possible; calls for further clarifications in respect of the type of expenditure the GEA is to be used for and for the introduction of obligatory annual reporting by the Members of their expenditures paid out of the GEA, or, failing that, for at least opening a procedure for verification of the Members' accounts on a voluntary basis;

Or. en

**Amendment 43
Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30d. Notes with concern that the distance allowance for MEPs is paid without sufficient proof;

Or. en

**Amendment 44
Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 e (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30e. Is concerned with the lack of verification ex post of the use of service cars by Members and questions the availability of two service cars for the President of the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Endorses that the 5 % cut in Members' travel expenses and staff mission expenses produced savings of EUR 4 million in 2013;

31. Endorses that the 5 % cut in Members' travel expenses and staff mission expenses produced savings of EUR 4 million in 2013; ***considers it advisable to pursue a stringent policy to reduce travel expenses, through negotiated agreements with airlines and calls on the Secretary-General to submit proposals to that effect;***

Or. it

Amendment 46
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Underlines the need and value of informing visitor groups prior to booking of sustainable means of transport to the European Parliament; recommends to introduce different rates of reimbursement according to the chosen

means of transport and their emission intensity;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Bernd Kölmel, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Bas Belder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Working places of Parliament (subtitle)

33b. Notes that the European Council whilst justifiably calling for austerity on the part of Parliament, continuous to deny in the opportunity to make the considerable savings that would arise from ceasing to hold meetings in Strasbourg;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Catherine Bearder, Marisa Matias, Aldo Patriciello, Jan Zahradil, Evžen Tošenovský, Lynn Boylan, Giovanni La Via, Jan Philipp Albrecht, Jens Geier, Marietje Schaake, Pina Picierno, Richard Sulík, Tomáš Zdechovský, Benedek Jávor, Salvatore Domenico Pogliese, Bart Staes, Pascal Arimont, Paul Tang, Morten Messerschmidt, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Ashley Fox, Ulla Tørnæs, Ivo Belet, Ivan Štefanec, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Esther de Lange, Fredrick Federley, Jeroen Lenaers, Nicola Caputo, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Peter van Dalen, Ulrike Lunacek, Daniel Dalton, Diane Dodds, Ernest Urtaşun, Molly Scott Cato, Alessia Maria Mosca, Elly Schlein, Luigi Morgano, Ruža Tomašić, Simona Bonafè, Anneliese Dodds, Daniele Viotti, Massimo Paolucci, Anne-Marie Mineur, Patrizia Toia, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Helga Stevens, Sander Loones, Mark Demesmaeker, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33c. Stresses that the Parliament and the Council, in order to create long term savings in the Union budget, must address the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as stated by the Parliament in several previous resolutions;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33d. Calls for a report to be drawn up setting out the savings which could be achieved by transferring Parliament's sittings services permanently to Strasbourg;

Or. de

Amendment 50
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Points to the costs of delegations, joint parliamentary assemblies, ad hoc delegations and election observation missions outside the Union in 2013, which amounted to some EUR 5 794 360;

34. Points to the costs of delegations, joint parliamentary assemblies, ad hoc delegations and election observation missions outside the Union in 2013, which amounted to some EUR 5 794 360; ***calls for a breakdown of costs in these areas for the period from 2005 to 2015 to be drawn up by the end of 2015;***

Amendment 51
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Notes that the cost of one parliamentary assembly delegation amounted to EUR 493 193; invites the Bureau to develop simple but effective principles for a more economic cost structure for delegation visits, in particular taking account of their political importance, duration and results;

Amendment

35. Notes ***with concern*** that the cost of one parliamentary assembly delegation amounted to EUR 493 193; invites the Bureau to develop simple but effective principles for a more economic cost structure for delegation visits, in particular taking account of their political importance, duration and results;

Amendment 52
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Interparliamentary delegations
- takes the view that it is a matter of importance and urgency to develop and increase the substance of the websites of the interparliamentary delegations; also considers it vital that, budget permitting, public meetings of the delegations should be broadcast live via webstreaming, as parliamentary committee meetings are;

Amendment 53
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. *Notes* that the multiannual grants programme 2012 to 2014, aimed at raising awareness on Parliament's role cost some EUR 14 500 000; expresses doubts as to whether that grants programme represents Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and discharge prerogatives; ***expects that a comprehensive evaluation of the programme be realised;***

Amendment

36. ***Deplores*** that the multiannual grants programme 2012 to 2014, aimed at raising awareness on Parliament's role cost some EUR 14 500 000; expresses doubts as to whether that grants programme represents Parliament's core competences and the tasks which stem from its legislative, budgetary and discharge prerogatives; ***calls on its administration to provide the Committee on Budgetary Control with an external evaluation of this grant programme in time for the 2014 discharge procedure;***

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

36a. Asks to be provided with a full breakdown of all the grants for communication projects funded from Parliament's budget, including the amounts involved and the recipients;

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 55
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36b. Asks to be provided with a breakdown of expenditure from Parliament's budget on the organisations MEP Ranking and Vote Watch Europe; criticises the fact that these organisations assess MEPs' work on the basis of quantitative criteria, which may provide the wrong kind of incentives and generate unnecessary work; takes the view that MEPs are facing increasing levels of red tape and ever tighter restrictions on their freedom to perform their duties;

Or. de

Amendment 56

Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska, Bas Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Reminds that the budget for the EuroParlTV was EUR 8 000 000 in 2013 and EUR 5 000 000 in 2014 while the performance of the service has been improved with a number of new activities and projects; notes that between 2012 and 2014 the average monthly number of videos watched has gone up from 53 000 to 400 000;

37. Reminds that the budget for the EuroParlTV was EUR 8 000 000 in 2013 and EUR 5 000 000 in 2014 while the performance of the service has been improved with a number of new activities and projects; notes that between 2012 and 2014 the average monthly number of videos watched has gone up from 53 000 to 400 000; **remarks that the cost of this project is still very high;**

Or. en

Amendment 57
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Considers the Lux Prize not to be a core activity of the European Parliament and requests that a cost-benefit analysis be carried out in order for the Parliament to take a well-informed decision on the continuation of this Prize;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39b. Questions the relevance of the LUX Prize; strongly recommends the Parliament to reconsider the continuation of the Prize;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39c. Calls for efficiencies to be found in its budget;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39d. Calls for a representative survey of Members to be conducted by the end of the year to determine whether the LUX Prize is well known and how, if at all, it is viewed in their respective Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 61
Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Notes that mission expenses in 2013 of the Information Offices amounted to EUR 1 839 696, with missions to Strasbourg accounting for EUR 1 090 290; regrets that the cost of missions from Information Offices to Strasbourg increased by around 7 % from 2012, with a further 2 % increase being due to the creation of the new Information Office in Croatia; insists that priority should be given to the use of videoconferences, making both structural cost reductions to the Parliament's budget and environmental improvements, which do not detract from Parliament's work;

40. Notes **with concern** that mission expenses in 2013 of the Information Offices amounted to EUR 1 839 696, with missions to Strasbourg accounting for EUR 1 090 290; regrets that the cost of missions from Information Offices to Strasbourg increased by around 7 % from 2012, with a further 2 % increase being due to the creation of the new Information Office in Croatia; insists that priority should be given to the use of videoconferences, making both structural cost reductions to the Parliament's budget and environmental improvements, which do not detract from Parliament's work;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Notes that mission expenses in 2013 of the Information Offices amounted to EUR 1 839 696, with missions to Strasbourg accounting for EUR 1 090 290; regrets that the cost of missions from Information Offices to Strasbourg increased by around 7 % from 2012, with a further 2 % increase being due to the creation of the new Information Office in Croatia; insists that priority should be given to the use of videoconferences, making both structural cost reductions to the Parliament's budget and environmental improvements, which do not detract from Parliament's work;

Amendment

40. Notes that mission expenses in 2013 of the Information Offices amounted to EUR 1 839 696, with missions to Strasbourg accounting for EUR 1 090 290; regrets that the cost of missions from Information Offices to Strasbourg increased by around 7 % from 2012, with a further 2 % increase being due to the creation of the new Information Office in Croatia; ***asks to be provided with details of the main reasons why information office staff undertook missions to (a) Strasbourg, and (b) Brussels; asks to be provided with a breakdown of the missions undertaken by the staff of each information office in 2005, 2010 and 2015, so that comparisons can be drawn up;*** insists that priority should be given to the use of videoconferences, making both structural cost reductions to the Parliament's budget and environmental improvements, which do not detract from Parliament's work;

Or. de

Amendment 63
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

40a. Points out that the websites of several information offices in the Member States have not been updated since after the elections; draws attention to the implications this could have for

Amendment

Parliament's credibility with the general public; insists that an investigation be carried out on the use of funds allocated to the information offices, with an explanation of the significant variation in internet connection costs between the different Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40b. Points out that posts in third countries are among the most expensive; points out that there are 12 occupied posts in the European Parliament's Washington Information Office; calls for every second post to be abolished on efficiency grounds;

Or. de

Amendment 65
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40c. Parliament logo (subtitle)

Notes the change of the European Parliament logo; stresses its disapproval that yet again it was not informed of a decision in a timely manner; calls on the services responsible to explain why they implemented this change, what the decision-making process was and what

the costs of this change were;

Or. es

Amendment 66
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40d. Info Point (Subtitle)

Expresses its concern about the decision by Parliament's administration to definitively close down the Info Point as from 31 March 2015; stresses its disapproval that yet again it was not informed of this decision in a timely manner; emphasises the importance of the Info Point, which makes it easier to provide documentation to EU citizens, in all the official languages, about the work we do, especially to groups of visitors supported by Members of the European Parliament; calls for the documentation and services provided by the Info Point to continue to be maintained in an accessible manner and with the same visibility and accessibility that it has had so far and expresses concern over the fate of the temporary staff of the Info Point; calls on the Secretary-General to keep it informed about these matters;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40e. Calls for a detailed overview of all external and internal European Parliament related costs for the European House of History, separated according to planning costs (including preliminary planning), investment costs and running costs (including construction and maintenance reserve, personal expenditure, exhibition costs); notes that the Commission supports the funding of the European House of History with an annual allocation of EUR 800 000; points out the European House of History will have positive effects not only for the European institutions but also for the Belgian state, in the form of a new, income-generating tourist attraction; recommends, therefore, that the Belgian state be asked to support the establishment of the European House of History;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40f. Considers the House of European History project to be superfluous in respect of the Parliamentarium, which could accommodate a specific section on the history of European integration; calls on the Secretary-General to take into consideration alternatives to the Eastman building project and to consider abandoning the House of European History project;

Amendment 69
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Takes note that Parliament's officials (permanent civil servants) can, in principle, only be recruited through public competitions whereby approximately 10 % of candidates are successful at the average age of 34 years old;

Amendment

41. Takes note that Parliament's officials (permanent civil servants) can, in principle, only be recruited through public competitions whereby approximately 10 % of candidates are successful at the average age of 34 years old; ***is concerned that, despite the fact that youth employment is a top priority for the Union, the EU institutions, including Parliament, have absolutely no policy to boost employment for young people under the age of 30;***

Or. es

Amendment 70
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Points to the difficulties in recruiting officials or agents from certain Member States; notes that the current salary scales and entry level conditions offered by the institutions may be less attractive to new staff as they offer neither competitive salaries nor attractive career prospects to many EU-15 Member States' citizens, which may lead to the risk of an increased geographical imbalance in the future;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 71
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Points to the difficulties in recruiting officials or agents from certain Member States; notes that the current salary scales and entry level conditions offered by the institutions *may be* less attractive to new staff *as* they offer neither competitive salaries nor attractive career prospects to many EU-15 Member States' citizens, *which may* lead to the risk of an increased geographical imbalance *in the future*;

Amendment

42. Points to the difficulties in recruiting officials or agents from certain Member States *in particular*; notes that the current salary scales and entry level conditions offered by the institutions *are* less attractive to new staff; *points out that* they offer neither competitive salaries nor attractive career prospects to many EU-15 Member States' citizens, *especially from the EU-15, whose nationals are the ones now reaching retirement age; points out that the inevitable shrinkage of the European public administration will, in the immediate future, adversely affect the quality of service provided and* lead to the risk of an increased geographical imbalance;

Or. es

Amendment 72
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

42a. asks the DG Personnel and responsible services to actively promote women for high level positions in the Parliament" or "to assess reasons" for the lack of parity and to subsequently propose measures to facilitate women's integration in high-level positions in the EP administration;

Amendment

Amendment 73
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42b. Notes the high cost of away days and similar events for the staff in the year 2013 (EUR 140 730 for eight events); considers that, at a time of crisis and budgetary cuts in general, the cost of away days for staff at the EU institutions must be proportionate and that they should, where possible, be confined to the institutions' own premises, given that the added value derived from them does not justify such high costs;

Or. es

Amendment 74
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Voices its support for the measures taken to organise the management of the termination of the contracts of some 1 700 accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) in preparation for the end of the parliamentary term and the beginning of the new one;

43. Voices its support for the measures taken to organise the management of the termination of the contracts of some 1 700 accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) in preparation for the end of the parliamentary term and the beginning of the new one; ***is concerned that no solution has been found for APAs whose rights have been undermined following the shortening of their contracts by at least one month as a result of early elections to***

the European Parliament; stresses the need to bring legislation regarding pension eligibility periods into line with the changes affecting the real parliamentary term;

Or. es

Amendment 75
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Voices its support for the measures taken to organise the management of the termination of the contracts of some 1 700 accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) in preparation for the end of the parliamentary term and the beginning of the new one;

Amendment

43. ***Parliamentary assistants (new title)***

Voices its support for the measures taken to organise the management of the termination of the contracts of some 1 700 accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) in preparation for the end of the *seventh* parliamentary term and the beginning of the new one ***and in particular the implementation of APA-People; considers, however, that more administrative staff should have been assigned to APA recruitment in certain areas to ensure greater speed and efficiency; points out that staffing and technical resources were insufficient to avoid delays in the signing of contracts of assistants, interruption of contracts, and delays in the payment of expenses, allowances and hence salaries; acknowledges nevertheless that the process has improved significantly compared to 2009, while noting that the EP must persevere in its efforts to improve***

the speed and efficiency of its recruitment procedures;

Or. es

Amendment 76
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. Regrets that the 2013 EP social report - like its predecessors - contains scarcely any information regarding accredited parliamentary assistants, although they make up 29.4 % of EP staff; calls on the EP to rectify matters, given the fundamental importance of this document in improving its staff management;

Or. es

Amendment 77
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43b. Regrets the Civil Servants Tribunal Decision of 12 December 2013 in Case F-129/12 and deeply regrets the fact that Parliament was condemned for being unable to help accredited parliamentary assistants in cases of harassment and irregular layoffs; notes the Bureau decision of 14 April 2014 setting up the Advisory Committee for the prevention of mobbing at the workplace, so as to avoid APAs being exposed to this; is concerned,

however, about the imbalance in the composition of this committee, which is composed of three Quaestors, one representative of the administration and one APA representative; notes that, up to November 2014 at least, in three cases before the committee 'the Quaestors ruled that there were no grounds for further action' (answer to question 108); calls on Parliament's Bureau therefore to review its decision regarding the composition of the committee so as to ensure more balanced representation with at least two APA committee members;

Or. es

Amendment 78
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43c. Notes with concern the high language course dropout rate among APAs, amounting to 32% compared to 8% for other staff; calls on Parliament to ensure that language courses are tailored more closely to the specific working conditions of APAs;

Or. es

Amendment 79
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43d. Calls on Parliament to investigate the possible reasons for the wide disparity between APAs and other staff regarding the taking of sick leave;

Or. es

Amendment 80
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43e. Points out that, at the end of this parliamentary term, a considerable number of APAs may together become eligible for retirement, having contributed to the EU pension scheme for ten years, thereby placing Parliament before a new set of circumstances; calls on Parliament, in order to avoid potentially serious last-minute problems for APAs of retirement or pre-retirement age, to set up an administrative working group to anticipate and resolve in advance such new and sometimes complex situations; calls for APA representatives to be involved with the working group, which must keep APAs promptly informed; calls for the working group to address and attempt to resolve problems, including those arising from any maladministration by the institution, for example delays in signing contracts at the beginning of the parliamentary term, interruption of contracts, the implications of early European Parliament elections for minimum contribution periods, etc;

Or. es

Amendment 81
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43f. Points out that subsistence allowances received by accredited parliamentary assistants travelling to Strasbourg are 30-45 % less than those of other staff; points out also that APA themselves are reimbursed under a three-tier system, which means that, in certain cases, no mission expenses may actually be payable for travel to Strasbourg; calls on the Bureau to take the necessary measures to remedy this inequality and bring APA entitlements in this respect into line with those of other staff;

Or. es

Amendment 82
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43g. Calls on Parliament to consider ways of bringing its APA grading system into line with that of its other staff and to make proposals accordingly;

Or. es

Amendment 83
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43h. For ensuring the representation of Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) within the EP as to avoid problems of addressing the APAs rights of protection the Secretary General should guarantee, in cooperation with the APAs that have been members of the former APAs Committee and are still working as APAs in the EP, the organisation of the first elections in every new parliamentary term;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. **Expresses concern** that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for **the enhancement** of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

44. **Deplores the fact** that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for **more strict controls** of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for *the enhancement* of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

Amendment

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for *an investigation to assess whether the recruitment procedures have been followed in cases with high numbers of local assistants and assess the reasons for such high numbers. Requests an evaluation* of recruitment procedures of local assistants *and proposals to streamline this in order to avoid excessive numbers of local assistants per Member.* ;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

Amendment

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants; *urges the Parliament to ensure increased transparency with regard to employment of local assistants and service providers;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

Amendment

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants; ***calls for a list of the names of all service providers employed by Members to be published on the internet;***

Or. de

Amendment 88
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants;

Amendment

44. Expresses concern that the number of local assistants employed per Member varied greatly between zero and 43 in 2013; asks for the enhancement of recruitment procedures of local assistants; ***asks for thorough inquiry of extreme cases in order to prevent the misuse of EP Budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45a. Is concerned by the delayed adoption of the internal whistleblowing rules; calls on the Parliament to implement these

without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Takes note that in its three places of work, Parliament occupies 1,1 million m² and owns 81 % of this surface area; deems it of the utmost importance to establish proper *guidelines* to ensure the sustainability of Parliament's *budget* against increased *costs from ageing buildings*;

Amendment

46. Takes note that in its three places of work, Parliament occupies 1,1 million m² and owns 81 % of this surface area; deems it of the utmost importance to establish proper *measures* to ensure the sustainability of Parliament's *buildings* against increased *maintenance costs*;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Ryszard Czarnecki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth, Richard Sulík, Beata Gosiewska, Bas Belder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

48a. Notes that the property portfolio of Parliament has substantially increased over recent years; insists that no additional buildings be purchased or leased during the next multiannual financial framework period;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 92
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Notes with satisfaction that the implementation of the Bureau decision on a resource efficient multilingualism produced in 2013 savings of EUR 15 million and EUR 10 million in the interpretation and in the translation services respectively, ***without affecting the principle of multilingualism*** or impairing the quality of parliamentary work; reiterates that interinstitutional cooperation is essential in order to exchange best practices that promote effectiveness and allow for savings to be made;

Amendment

49. Notes with satisfaction that the implementation of the Bureau decision on a resource efficient multilingualism produced in 2013 savings of EUR 15 million and EUR 10 million in the interpretation and in the translation services respectively ***but notes that some of these savings are in fact being made at the cost of lower translation standards, particularly in certain languages not regarded as vehicular; urges the Bureau to endeavour to make savings without impairing the quality of parliamentary work; reiterates that interinstitutional cooperation is essential in order to exchange best practices that promote effectiveness and allow for savings to be made;***

Or. es

Amendment 93
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

50a. Notes that it is ultimately impossible to judge whether the Fund is being run efficiently and properly, and urges Parliament to have an external assessment carried out;

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 94
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Services provided for Members (subtitle)

52a. Calls on the Parliament to make accessible to the public on the homepage of the Members of the European Parliament the name of the service providers and the services provided to the Member next to the data on the Accredited Parliamentary Assistants and the Local Assistants;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52b. Notes that the services which are provided to the Member of Parliament are not considered as services provided to the European Parliament, as an international organisation and are therefore not eligible for exemption from VAT; reminds that there are considerable differences in VAT rates applied in the Member States, which results inequality in the use of the secretarial assistance allowance for services provided in the own country of the Members of the European Parliament; calls on the Parliamentary services to resolve that inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Notes that an independent third party ICT security audit was carried out on all parliamentary ICT and telecommunications systems with a view to completing a clear roadmap towards a more robust ICT security policy in 2015;

Amendment

55. Notes that an independent third party ICT security audit was carried out on all parliamentary ICT and telecommunications systems with a view to completing a clear roadmap towards a more robust ICT security policy in 2015; ***points out the ICT security audit was due in December 2014, reminds that in this recent time of the yellow alert level, this should be a priority, asks that its Committee on Budgetary Control to be informed on the results as soon as the report has been finalised;***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Insists that Parliament collaborates further with the Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics to identify suitable replacements for old ICT tools and infrastructures that go in the direction of open, interoperable and non-vendor dependent solutions with a view to ***social, ethical and economical responsibility;***

Amendment

57. Insists that Parliament collaborates further with the Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics to identify suitable replacements for old ICT tools and infrastructures that go in the direction of open, interoperable and non-vendor dependent solutions with a view to ***getting a cost efficient, high quality IT environment for the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57a. Welcomes the launch some years ago of the very useful and successful at4am application for tabling amendments; considers it necessary to improve and update it, particularly with regard to such useful functions as self-correction and back-up;

Or. es

Amendment 99
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57b. Calls, for the sake of transparency and equality regarding document availability, for all MEPs, and not only full or substitute committee members, to be given access through ePetition to all petitions submitted by citizens to the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions;

Or. es

Amendment 100
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. Is aware of Parliament's 'New World of Work' concept and the paperless programme including e-Committee and e-Meeting applications;

Amendment

58. Is aware of Parliament's 'New World of Work' concept ***the EMAS accreditation and process*** and the paperless programme including e-Committee and e-Meeting applications; ***calls for enchantment of this programme with available applications for smartphones and tablets;***

Or. en

Amendment 101
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Takes note that greenhouse gas emissions from Parliament's staff travel between Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg have dropped by 34 % in 2012 compared to 2006; calls on the administration to ensure complete transparency and to also account for emissions caused by Members travelling from their home countries to Brussels and Strasbourg;

Amendment

60. Takes note that greenhouse gas emissions from Parliament's staff travel between Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg have dropped by 34 % in 2012 compared to 2006; calls on the administration to ensure complete transparency and to also account for emissions caused by Members travelling from their home countries to Brussels and Strasbourg; ***welcomes measures to offset those emissions that cannot be reduced and are unavoidable, recommends further offsetting policies to be implemented with projects according to the UN recognised CDM gold standard;***

Or. en

Amendment 102
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Takes note that greenhouse gas emissions from Parliament's staff travel between Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg have dropped by 34 % in 2012 compared to 2006; calls on the *administration* to ensure complete transparency and to also account for emissions caused by Members travelling from their home countries to Brussels and Strasbourg;

Amendment

60. Takes note that greenhouse gas emissions from Parliament's staff travel between Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg have dropped by 34 % in 2012 compared to 2006; calls on the *Bureau* to ensure complete transparency and to also account for emissions caused by Members travelling from their home countries to Brussels and Strasbourg;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Calls on the Secretary-General to design a plan to reduce the number of trunks available for parliamentary travels; suggests that smaller trunks be used or a shared system be implemented, thus reducing its cost in financial and carbon footprint terms;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 104
Markus Pieper, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Calls on the Secretary-General to

Amendment

deleted

design a plan to reduce the number of trunks available for parliamentary travels; suggests that smaller trunks be used or a shared system be implemented, thus reducing its cost in financial and carbon footprint terms;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Calls on the Secretary-General to design a plan to reduce the number of trunks available for parliamentary travels; suggests that *smaller trunks be used or a shared system be implemented*, thus reducing its cost in financial and carbon footprint terms;

Amendment

61. Calls on the Secretary-General to design a plan to reduce the number of trunks available for parliamentary travels; suggests that *a "canteen on demand system" or a "canteen sharing system" should be introduced*, thus reducing its cost in financial and carbon footprint terms;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

61a. Calls on the responsible services to develop a sustainable and coherent concept to fully use budget line 239 for CO2 offsetting up to the maximum amount, in order to offset unavoidable CO2 emissions of the institution with projects according to the UN recognised CDM gold standard;

Amendment

Amendment 107
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61b. Calls for the air-conditioning system to focus on energy efficiency in order to ensure it has the lowest possible environmental impact;

Or. it

Amendment 108
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61c. Calls for the distribution of water in small plastic bottles to be abandoned once and for all, replacing them, where possible, with water fountains or water distributors;

Or. it

Amendment 109
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62a. Highlights in this context the need to

implement the concept of Green Public Procurement for all contracts and call for tenders; Calls for escalating and ambitious binding targets for green contracts, notably in the areas of Food and Catering, Vehicles and Transport, Sanitary and Water Equipment, Paper, Waste Management, IT and Imaging Equipment, Lighting, Cleaning, and Furniture;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Considers it advisable to pursue a gradual reduction, up to the eventual abolition, of contributions to European political parties from Parliament's budget, given that nationally, the parties are often already subsidised by the Member States;

Or. it