

**Question for written answer E-014290/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Payments to former Commissioners

If the information I have is correct, former Members of the Commission may receive a monthly allowance of between 40% and 65% of their salary for three years after the end of their term of office. However, the period during which there are checks on any conflicts of interest relating to any new paid activity by former Commissioners is 18 months.

Why are both of these time frames not the same?

Does the Commission not think that receiving an allowance for twice as long as the period in which conflict of interest is monitored may be perceived by the public as an unacceptable privilege, especially in times of crisis?