

**Question for written answer E-001539/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Leave in the interests of the service

Can the Commission provide information relating to all EU officials who are currently on 'leave in the interests of the service' (Staff Regulations - Section 7 - Article 42c)?

More specifically, can the Commission provide a figure of the overall number of EU officials from all EU institutions and agencies who are benefiting from this provision and outline the cost of this? Can it provide a breakdown of how much each EU official is receiving under the provision and for how long those concerned will be receiving such a payment?

Can the Commission confirm if this is paid as an allowance (in place of a salary)? If so, does that mean that officials are exempt from having to pay any form of tax while on leave?

Can the Commission provide the calculation (per month if possible) that is used to determine how much an official receives under this provision?