

**Question for written answer E-004506/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Respect for Members' work

During the plenary session of 4 July 2017 in Strasbourg, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker chose to call the European Parliament 'ridiculous' with reference to the apparently low turnout of members for the session on the evaluation of the Maltese Presidency.

In addition, the President announced that in the future he did not want to come to 'a meeting of this kind'.

Personally, during the evaluation, I was participating in political negotiations on the proposal for an energy performance directive, and therefore could not be present. That proposal represents an important element in the Commission's own management system for the Energy Union, the winter package, which I assume the President still considers important legislation.

I am confident that my colleagues who were not present either were also busy with important matters.

Therefore, I would like to ask the Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker:

1. Was the President aware of the reasons for the Members' absence from the chamber as he complained?
2. Does the President consider it more important for Members to participate in ceremonies and evaluations in the plenary session or in political negotiations?
3. Does the President still stand by his remarks on 4 July 2017?