

**Question for written answer E-001538/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Appointment of Commission Secretary-General

At the plenary sitting of 12 March 2018, when the appointment of the Commission Secretary-General was being discussed in Parliament, Commissioner Oettinger undertook to give detailed factual replies to all questions.

1. He indicated on that occasion that the posts of Head of Cabinet and Secretary-General were equivalent. How long did the procedure take for previous appointments of a chief of staff to the post of Secretary-General?
2. How many candidates applied for the post of Secretary-General on the previous six occasions?
3. Is it customary for the Secretary-General to alter the remuneration of Commissioners (immediately) after his appointment?