

**Question for written answer E-001842/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: UK nationals responsible for human resources at the Commission and Council

On 18 July 2007, David Bearfield was appointed Director of the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)<sup>1</sup>. He has been running EPSO, which organises competitions and procedures for the selection of future EU officials, for more than 10 years. The success rate of French candidates in competitions has dropped since he took over.

Before joining the Commission, Mr Bearfield was a UK civil servant. At the Council of Ministers, the Human Resources Director is also a UK national<sup>2</sup>. In the view of the European Court of Auditors, Human Resources Director is a sensitive post which should not be held by the same person for too long<sup>3</sup>.

Given the need for rotation in these sensitive posts, and with Brexit coming ever closer, when will the Commission replace Mr Bearfield?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-07-1125\\_fr.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-07-1125_fr.htm)

<sup>2</sup> William SHAPCOTT

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.eca.europa.eu/fr/Pages/Transparency-staff.aspx>