

**Question for written answer E-004440/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Recruitment of armed security and protection officers at the Commission

On 30 August 2018 the Commission decided to recruit 97 armed security and protection officers¹. It already employs some 850 private security officers².

Why does the Commission not trust the national police authorities to protect its buildings and staff against terrorist attack?

Bearing in mind that Parliament spends EUR 6 million on drivers for its Secretariat³, what is the budget allocated in 2018 by the European institutions for the security of their infrastructure and staff?

The Benalla affair in France has shown that the creation of a parallel police force leads to an unhealthy confusion of roles vis-à-vis the national police authorities⁴. Why does the Commission consider it necessary for its officials to be armed but is against the idea of European citizens being armed?

¹ https://epso.europa.eu/apply/job-offers/competition/3221/description_en; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:C:2018:305A:FULL&from=EN>

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/aar-hr-2016_en_0.pdf

³ EUR 6 202 300, http://publications.europa.eu/resource/cellar/7d82d6f4-1c53-11e8-ac73-01aa75ed71a1.0009.03/DOC_1

⁴ <https://www.7sur7.be/7s7/fr/1505/Monde/article/detail/3458814/2018/07/31/L-affaire-Macron-Benalla-laissera-des-traces-profondes.dhtml>