

**Question for written answer P-003150/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Total amount of transitional allowances

According to the current rules, contained in Regulations No 422/67/EEC and No 5/67/Euratom of 25 July 1967, determining the emoluments of the President and members of the Commission and of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice and of the President, Members and Registrar of the Court of First Instance, the persons in question receive a monthly transitional allowance for three years that varies between 40% and 65% of the last base salary, depending on the duration of the term of office. This rule means that people who have, for example, only worked for a few months as European Commissioner are still entitled to generous compensation for three years.

Under this rule, should the persons in question take up a new position within three years, the monthly gross salary will be deducted from the transitional allowance insofar as this salary, together with the allowance, exceeds the previous salary. If the salary of the new position, together with the transitional allowance, is lower than the previous salary, the persons in question may receive their new salary *as well as* their 'transitional allowance'.

Can the Commission say how many people have already made use of this rule and what is the total amount of money involved?