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Amendment 1
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Parliament budget for the financial year 2011; / ***Postpones its decision on granting its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Parliament budget for the financial year 2011;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the added value of the parliamentary procedure leading up to the annual Parliament discharge; reiterates that the Parliament discharge is an additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management, thereby facilitating Union citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular governance structure ***and*** working methods;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 6

Søren Bo Søndergaard, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Highlights the added value of the parliamentary procedure leading up to the annual Parliament discharge; reiterates that the Parliament discharge is an additional possibility for exercising, in public, a critical scrutiny of the institution's financial management, thereby facilitating Union citizens' understanding of Parliament's particular governance structure and working methods; ***reiterates its request to hold a separate plenary debate on Parliament's discharge with the President of the Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Bureau to schedule as a specific agenda item a discussion of the discharge report in May or June, shortly after its adoption by plenary;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Underlines that scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable and that only full and complete transparency offers citizens of the Union an insight into Parliament's use of the resources put at its disposal; ***stresses however that the Parliament's discharge procedure involves non-negligible risks for the reputation of the Parliament as an institution;***

2. Underlines that scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable and that only full and complete transparency offers citizens of the Union an insight into Parliament's use of the resources put at its disposal;

Or. de

Amendment 9

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Underlines that scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable and that only full and complete transparency offers citizens of the Union an insight into Parliament's use of the resources put at its disposal;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Underlines that scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable and that ***only full and complete transparency offers citizens of the Union an insight into Parliament's use of the resources put at its disposal; stresses however that the Parliament's discharge procedure involves non-negligible risks for the reputation of the Parliament as an institution;***

Amendment

2. Underlines that scrutiny is necessary to ensure that Parliament's administration is held accountable and that ***given the great interest among European citizens and public opinion in the European Parliament's discharge procedure, it is essential for Parliament to avoid any risk of opaque management and therefore to operate in a completely transparent manner to ensure that EU citizens are provided with a true and accurate view of the way that Parliament uses the resources placed at its disposal;***

Or. es

Amendment 11
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Recognises that a growing number of national parliaments are now requiring full disclosure of members' expenses, and that a growing number of Members already ensure that such information is made available to their constituents; proposes that in accord with the Parliament's commitment to transparency and openness the annual Certificates detailing reimbursements paid to each Member in accordance with the Implementing Measures for the Statute of Members be published on the Parliament's website;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Recalls that even non-material shortcomings may result in considerable reputational damage overshadowing Parliament's policy achievements and
reminds Parliament's Members and staff of their personal responsibility in Parliament's proper financial management;

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that *even non-material shortcomings may result in considerable reputational damage overshadowing Parliament's policy achievements and reminds Parliament's Members and staff of their personal responsibility in Parliament's proper financial management;*

Amendment

3. Recalls that *since the European Parliament is the authority responsible for issuing the final decision on discharge, it is of the utmost importance that the procedure be conducted in an exemplary manner in the case of Parliament, and that it is therefore necessary to prevent even the most minor shortcomings which might tarnish the political achievements of Europe's democratic institution and its efforts to achieve increased transparency and sounder financial management;*

Or. es

Amendment 14
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes with satisfaction the quality of the exchange of views between the Vice-President responsible for the Budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control on 22 January 2013 in the context of the 2011 Parliament discharge; reiterates that Parliament's administration is held accountable throughout this process and that the discharge reports on Parliament's implementation of its budget over the last decade have played an important role and brought about very positive developments in Parliament's financial management, such as the Members' statute and the assistants' statute; is determined to continue this encouraging development towards excellence and transparency in public

Amendment

5. Notes with satisfaction the quality of the exchange of views between the Vice-President responsible for the Budget, the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control on 22 January 2013 in the context of the 2011 Parliament discharge; reiterates that Parliament's administration is held accountable throughout this process and that the discharge reports on Parliament's implementation of its budget *and the activities of its Committee on Budgetary Control* over the last decade have played an important role and brought about very positive developments in Parliament's financial management, such as the Members' statute and the assistants' statute; is determined to continue this encouraging

financial management;

development towards excellence and
transparency in public financial
management;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Reiterates its proposal that the Bureau should circulate more 'White Papers' on policy items of general interest to all Members so they can be thoroughly discussed within political groups prior to a final decision being taken;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Welcomes that, on 22 September 2011, the representatives of the Bureau and of the Committee on Budgets reached agreement on additional saving measures that were subsequently incorporated into Parliament's 2012 budget; firmly holds that those smart savings measures of almost EUR 40 000 000 do not affect either the efficiency of Parliament's activities or the resources made available to each Member; calls on the Secretary-General to keep the Council and the Commission informed on Parliament's achievements and, to this end,

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to obtain information on their actions and to request to be informed of the answers received;

to obtain information on their actions and to request to be informed of the answers received; ***points out, however, that savings should be made by spending less money and not by advancing or delaying payments or shifts between budgets;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. de

Amendment 19
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Reminds its President and Secretary-General of its resolution of 6 February 2013¹ where it "recalls the decision adopted in plenary calling for the Council to present a roadmap by June 2013 on the multiple seats of the EP, and expects both the committees concerned, the Secretary-General and the Bureau to provide Members with up-to-date figures and information on the financial and environmental impact of the multiple seat arrangement; suggests that the EP's own impact assessment services examine this question, including with respect to the impact of the EP's presence or partial presence on the respective communities and regions, and present an assessment by June 2013 in order for their findings to be considered in the context of the next MFF"; points out that June 2013 is approaching rapidly;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. notes that the Parliament is bound by the Treaty to work from three seats and that this means added costs; notes also that a change to this situation is not in the hands of the Parliament but of the Council;

¹ P7_TA(2013)0048.

Amendment 21
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that the new Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012) and its Rules of Application came into effect on 1 January 2013 and brought about major changes in financial management, in particular by ensuring enhanced sound financial management and the protection of the Union's financial interests, introducing financial mechanisms which enable the mobilisation of third-party funds as leverage on Union funds and cutting red tape, while shifting the focus from paperwork to performance; encourages the Parliament's services, as in the past revisions of the Financial Regulation, to implement those rules without delay and with the minimum possible negative impact on Parliament's administration;

Amendment

7. Notes that the new Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012) and its Rules of Application came into effect on 1 January 2013 and brought about major changes in financial management, in particular by ensuring enhanced sound financial management and the protection of the Union's financial interests, introducing financial mechanisms which enable the mobilisation of third-party funds as leverage on Union funds and cutting red tape, while shifting the focus from paperwork to performance; encourages the Parliament's services, as in the past revisions of the Financial Regulation, to implement those rules without delay and with the minimum possible negative impact on Parliament's administration, ***would like to be informed before the start of the 2012 discharge procedure if the new Financial Regulation has led to a decrease in staff needed for financial management;***

Amendment 22
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the new Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest adopted by its plenary on 1 December 2011; notes that Members are required to make full disclosure of any remunerated activities outside Parliament, of the remuneration they receive, and of any other functions that they perform which may give rise to conflicts of interest; further notes that the code expressly prohibits Members from accepting any sum of money or other gift in exchange for influencing Parliament decisions; notes with satisfaction that it lays down clear rules on accepting gifts and on former Members engaging in lobbying;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the new Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest adopted by its plenary on 1 December 2011; notes that Members are required to make full disclosure of any remunerated activities outside Parliament, of the remuneration they receive, and of any other functions that they perform which may give rise to conflicts of interest; further notes that the code expressly prohibits Members from accepting any sum of money or other gift in exchange for influencing Parliament decisions; notes with satisfaction that it lays down clear rules on accepting gifts and on former Members engaging in lobbying; ***expects that the implementing rules will be communicated in an adequate way to the Members, and that declarations will be checked on a sample basis;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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prohibits Members from accepting any sum of money or other gift in exchange for influencing Parliament decisions; notes with satisfaction that it lays down clear rules on accepting gifts and on former Members engaging in lobbying; ***firmly believes, however, that conflicts of interest must be checked on and penalised more stringently;***

Or. de

Amendment 24
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on Parliament's Administration to publish all declarations of MEPs' financial interests, broken down by year, in machine-readable form in the MEP profile section of Parliament's website;

Or. de

Amendment 25
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Regrets the fact that a good number of declarations of MEPs' financial interests are either blank or incomplete or formally incorrect;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Is concerned that, one year after the entry into force of the Code of Conduct, the implementing measures in respect of Article 5(3) - to ensure transparency with regard to Members' travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses paid by third parties - have not yet been adopted; points out that it is imperative that the implementing measures be adopted quickly; firmly believes that all third-party-paid travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of EUR 150 or more must be disclosed;

Or. de

Amendment 27
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. Is of the opinion that the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members must not only comprise MEPs, but, rather, must have a majority made up of external, independent experts permanently appointed;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes the publication of the social report, which gives a valuable insight into Parliament's human resources; asks for the 2012 report to be published before the end of September 2013; further notes that Parliament's establishment plan increased between 2010 to 2011 by 4 % mainly as a result of the **entry into force of** the Treaty of Lisbon and the anticipated accession of Croatia to the Union;

Amendment

9. Notes the publication of the social report, which gives a valuable insight into Parliament's human resources; asks for the 2012 report to be published before the end of September 2013; further notes that Parliament's establishment plan increased between 2010 to 2011 by 4 % mainly as a result of the **new responsibilities and extra workload under** the Treaty of Lisbon and the anticipated accession of Croatia to the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Calls for staff training courses, and especially intensive language courses, to be tailored more effectively to the work schedule of the various types of staff working at Parliament, including accredited parliamentary assistants.

Or. es

Amendment 30
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Recommends to follow up the recommendation of the Court of Auditors to request staff to deliver at appropriate intervals documents confirming their personal situation and that it implements a system for the timely monitoring of these documents;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Points out that 2011 was the second full year in which the new Statute for Members and the Statute for Assistants has been in force (both effective as of 14 July 2009); notes that the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Assistants have been amended four times in those two years for the application of Title VII of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (CEOS) and the Implementing Measures on the basis of proposals from the Temporary Evaluation Group and the Secretary-General; recalls that the implementation of Title VII of the CEOS created a single scheme governing the status of accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) working in Parliament's three working places, which replaced twenty-seven different national systems of contractual relationships, taxation and social security and that currently there is no evidence that would suggest a need to adapt the rules applying to parliamentary assistants contained in Title VII of the

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CEOS;

CEOS; *suggest a full evaluation of the Statute of Assistants including possible adaptations of the rules before the next European elections;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Points out that 2011 was the second full year in which the new Statute for Members and the Statute for Assistants has been in force (both effective as of 14 July 2009); notes that the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Assistants have been amended four times in those two years for the application of Title VII of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (CEOS) and the Implementing Measures on the basis of proposals from the Temporary Evaluation Group and the Secretary-General; recalls that the implementation of Title VII of the CEOS created a single scheme governing the status of accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) working in Parliament's three working places, which replaced twenty-seven different national systems of contractual relationships, taxation and social security *and that currently there is no evidence that would* suggest a need to adapt the rules applying to parliamentary assistants contained in Title VII of the CEOS;

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Or. es

Amendment 33
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Firmly believes that appropriate, mandatory remuneration must be introduced for all traineeships, including traineeships in MEPs' offices and political groups, which last for more than one month and are not compulsory components of a degree or training course;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Takes the view that there can be independent European policy-making only if there is sufficient scientific and legal expertise in Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Calls on the Bureau to give Parliament's Legal Service the

appropriate staffing and resources to enable each MEP to request legal opinions on a limited scale;

Or. de

Amendment 36
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10d. Calls on the Bureau to set up a research service within Parliament with the appropriate staffing and resources to enable each MEP to request research studies on a limited scale;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. **Points out** the significant increase of carry-overs into 2011 (EUR 240 268 630*) and calls for improved planning of expenditure; calls on the administration to reverse this trend in the run up to future European elections;

15. **Is concerned about** the significant increase of carry-overs into 2011 (EUR 240 268 630¹) and calls for improved planning of expenditure; calls on the administration to reverse this trend in the run up to future European elections;

Or. en

¹ Automatic carry-overs: EUR 231 028 630, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 9 240 000.

Amendment 38
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Points out the significant increase of carry-overs into **2011 (EUR 240 268 630*)** and calls for improved planning of expenditure; calls on the administration to reverse this trend in the run up to future European elections;

Amendment

15. Points out the significant increase of carry-overs into **2012 (EUR 352 192 631¹)** and calls for improved planning of expenditure; calls on the administration to reverse this trend in the run up to future European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that the European Union's budget for 2011 totalled EUR 141,9 billion in commitment appropriations, of which Parliament's budget accounted for EUR **1 686 million**; further notes that this figure represents just over 1 % of the Union's budget and amounts to 20% of the amount of EUR **8 454 million** set aside for the 2011 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management;

Amendment

16. Notes that the European Union's budget for 2011 totalled EUR 141,9 billion in commitment appropriations, of which Parliament's budget accounted for EUR **1,7 billion**; further notes that this figure represents just over 1 % of the Union's budget and amounts to 20% of the amount of EUR **8,5 billion** set aside for the 2011 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management;

Or. en

¹ Automatic carry-overs: EUR 231 028 630, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 9 240 000

Amendment 40
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the fact that the audit of the Court of Auditors found that the **Parliament's** supervisory and control systems that are required by the Financial Regulation were effective and that, **as regards** administrative expenditure in 2011, **the transactions** affected by **one or more errors are not** material to **administrative expenditure as a whole**;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the fact that the audit of the Court of Auditors found that the supervisory and control systems **of administrative expenditure as a whole**, that are required by the Financial Regulation, were effective and that **the payments of** administrative expenditure in 2011 **were not** affected by material **errors**;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Takes note, furthermore, that, under the Internal Rules for the employment of APAs, the latter are allowed to submit the medical certificate and other documents required for the conclusion of contracts within three months after the date on which the contract for their initial recruitment takes effect, **but that** this derogation **conflicts with the provision laid down** in Articles 128 and 129 of the CEOS; also notes that, as regards compliance with the requirement concerning the knowledge of languages, in none of the 10 cases audited were there documents on file proving that checks had been performed;

Amendment

24. Takes note, furthermore, that, under the Internal Rules for the employment of APAs, the latter are allowed to submit the medical certificate and other documents required for the conclusion of contracts within three months after the date on which the contract for their initial recruitment takes effect, **and that since** this derogation **contradicts the provisions set out** in Articles 128 and 129 of the CEOS **those articles should be brought into line with the rules applicable to accredited assistants**; also notes that, as regards compliance with the requirement concerning the knowledge of languages, in none of the 10 cases audited were there documents on file proving that checks had been performed;

Amendment 42

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. **Takes note of** the responses given by Parliament in the contradictory procedure with the Court of Auditors;

Amendment

25. **Endorses** the responses given by Parliament in the contradictory procedure with the Court of Auditors;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Regrets that, due to a reduction in administrative burden for low value contracts, aimed at increasing SME participation in tenders for these contracts, the administration does not dispose of the number of SMEs that secured low value contracts; therefore the Secretariat General is not able to show whether or not the reduction in administrative burden actually led to an increased SME participation and thus the effectiveness of the measures taken; requests to monitor the number of SMEs that secured low value contracts

Or. en

Amendment 44

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29 a. Stresses that in line with transparency policies towards its citizens the internal audits should be made available after some time on the websites of the Parliament; would like to be informed which of these reports are not yet make public and what were the reasons why;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– that the audit of Parliamentary Assistance Allowance revealed the need to strengthen the framework for the remuneration of privately employed local assistants and to obtain more assurance concerning the services rendered by service providers;

– that the audit of Parliamentary Assistance Allowance revealed the need to strengthen the framework for the remuneration of privately employed local assistants, ***the number of which vary widely from Member to Member***, and to obtain more assurance concerning the services rendered by service providers;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Notes the Secretary-General's reply indicating that European Parliament allowances covered 1 599 accredited assistants' contracts and 2 868 local assistants' contracts in 2011; is surprised that almost twice as many local assistants were employed as accredited assistants, even though the bulk of an MEP's legislative work is done in Strasbourg and Brussels;

Or. fr

Amendment 47

Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Welcomes the formal decision to discontinue the Prize for Journalism that in 2011 represented an expenditure of EUR 154 205 as proposed by the Committee on Budgetary Control and voted in Plenary in the 2010 discharge report; ***acknowledges that contacts with journalists were reinforced in the Member States by organising thematic seminars in the capital cities, thereby using the Parliament's existing administrative capacity, while providing journalists with an opportunity to exchange views with Members and to acquire a complete understanding of Parliament's structure and role in the legislative process;***

36. Welcomes the formal decision to discontinue the Prize for Journalism that in 2011 represented an expenditure of EUR 154 205 as proposed by the Committee on Budgetary Control and voted in Plenary in the 2010 discharge report;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Requests for the second time, after this paragraph was adopted already in 2010 discharge procedure, a full report on how Parliament's Free Software projects have developed with regards to use and users in Parliament, citizen interaction and procurement activities; invites for the second time to investigate, in a full study, Parliament's obligations under Rule 103 of its Rules of Procedure with regard to Free Software and Open Standards;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Recalls Parliament's request in the 2010 Discharge for a full report on Free Software projects and how they have developed with regards to use and users in Parliament, citizen interaction and procurement activities; regrets that Free Software and Open Source solutions are not more widely used in the Parliament's IT infrastructure.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Cornelis de Jong

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Reiterates its request to propose strict rules applicable to all Members to ensure that the General Expenditure Allowance is transparent in all cases and that it is only used for the purposes for which it is intended, based on actual costs and preventing that duplications of costs are reimbursed; requests that a system is developed by which Members have to report yearly on their use of the General Expenditure Allowance to the Secretariat of the Parliament, which will be subject to audit procedures;

Or. en

**Amendment 51
Søren Bo Søndergaard**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Recalls its request to introduce rules to ensure that the General Expenditure Allowance is transparent and that it is used solely for the purpose for which it is intended;

Or. en

**Amendment 52
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Calls upon the Secretariat to devote sufficient resources to the control of the Members' documents confirming their personal situation, financial interest and outside activities;

Or. en

**Amendment 53
Chris Davies**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Believes that the Parliament is the only European public institution that pays an allowance intended to meet the costs of office administration into private and personal bank accounts without requiring any receipts to be kept or the auditing of the expenditure; suspects that Members would be deeply critical of any other body that so failed to supervise the use of public money, and calls on the Secretary-General to propose light touch arrangements to ensure that the General Expenditure Allowance is used for the purpose intended and can not provide a supplementary private income for Members;

Or. en

**Amendment 54
Chris Davies**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 a. Emphasises that every Member must have an equal right to know how the financial affairs of the Parliament are managed, and therefore requires the Secretary-General to ensure that copies of all reports prepared by the Internal Audit Service are made available for private inspection by any Member, subject if necessary to the removal of references within them that would inappropriately identify specific individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Philip Bradbourn

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 a. Notes that 192 members of staff report to the Directors General without going through a Director; asks the Secretary-General to review this situation to ensure that 'cabinets' for Directors-General are not being created unofficially; asks the Secretary-General to include in the review an assessment of the grades, powers and responsibilities of these staff;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Martin Ehrenhauser

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40**

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates that the area of security is a very sensitive sector in any parliament, but even more so in a multinational one, with high visibility and constant visits from Heads of State and government; notes that the average daily presence in the Parliament's premises in Brussels is 12 000; invites the Secretary-General to present to the competent committee the situation in this respect and insists on the need to define classified security perimeters in Parliament's premises or security zones with different levels of security *and restricted access for outsiders*;

Amendment

40. Reiterates that the area of security is a very sensitive sector in any parliament, but even more so in a multinational one, with high visibility and constant visits from Heads of State and government; notes that the average daily presence in the Parliament's premises in Brussels is 12 000; invites the Secretary-General to present to the competent committee the situation in this respect and insists on the need to define classified security perimeters in Parliament's premises or security zones with different levels of security;

Or. de

Amendment 57

Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Takes note of the Bureau's adoption, by unanimity, of the "New global security concept" on 6 July 2011 which includes the idea of reserving the various entrances to Parliament for different categories of users; requests to be informed of the implementation of the "New global security concept" by the end of 2013; *insists on the continuing reinforcement of security in the Parliament's premises*;

Amendment

41. Takes note of the Bureau's adoption, by unanimity, of the "New global security concept" on 6 July 2011 which includes the idea of reserving the various entrances to Parliament for different categories of users; requests to be informed of the implementation of the "New global security concept" by the end of 2013;

Or. de

Amendment 58

Søren Bo Søndergaard, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Takes note of the Bureau's adoption, by unanimity, of the 'New global security concept' on 6 July 2011 which includes the idea of reserving the various entrances to Parliament for different categories of users; requests to be informed of the implementation of the 'New global security concept' by the end of 2013; insists on the continuing reinforcement of security in the Parliament's premises;

Amendment

41. Takes note of the Bureau's adoption, by unanimity, of the 'New global security concept' on 6 July 2011 which includes the idea of reserving the various entrances to Parliament for different categories of users; requests to be informed of the implementation of the 'New global security concept' by the end of 2013; insists on the continuing reinforcement of security in the Parliament's premises *while ensuring easy access for the public*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

41 a. Stresses that the plan to increase security by restricting various categories of users' access to Parliament should be strengthened by more rigorous checks on the identity documents of those users;

Or. cs

Amendment 60
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41 b. Stresses that better use should be made of modern technologies in Parliament's security measures, and that this will result in savings; stresses that those recruited to the security service should work to a high professional standard in order to ensure a reliable and effective security service;

Or. cs

**Amendment 61
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. ***Welcomes the fact*** that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter;

42. ***Notes that the Parliament expects*** that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter; ***demands a yearly report with detailed information on the development of the costs of the security service, including the accrued costs for pensions of staff employed on the matter, and the measures taken to ensure the scope and quality of the service;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter;

Amendment

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter; ***would like to receive a break down of the savings, including the costs of Parliament's staff being transferred to the new service from other posts/departments; expects that those employed by the actual security firm will be given preference to work for the new internalised service if they wish so, even when this means that they should be given additional training and/or language courses;***

Or. en

Amendment 63
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services ***will*** reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter;

Amendment

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services ***is expected to*** reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter; ***asks the administration for a yearly report with detailed information on the development of the costs of the security service, including the accrued costs for pensions of staff employed for these services, and the measures taken to ensure the scope and quality of the service;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter;

Amendment

42. Welcomes the fact that the internalisation of the security services will reduce costs in Brussels and Strasbourg by EUR 16 000 000 in the period up to 2015 and by EUR 6 000 000 for each year thereafter ***and seeks assurances that the highest standards will be established and maintained for targeted security through a continuing training programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Reiterates its wish that Members will be subject of electronic control when entering or leaving the Parliament's premises to increase security;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Notes the Secretary-General's reply

indicating that the cost of delegations, which can be as much as EUR 5 300 per MEP per day, is largely made up of transport costs; emphasises that the work associated with parliamentary activity is essentially done in Strasbourg and Brussels; suggests that the cost of delegations' travel to third countries be made subject to an annual ceiling per Member;

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42 a. Requests to receive information from the Secretariat General on the procedure to be followed on the evaluation of the joint transparency register, which is due to take place in 2013, according to the inter-institutional agreement reached in 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Notes that more than a 1500 staff have their children enrolled in the European Schools, and is therefore surprised to learn that the Parliament does not play any role what so ever in the

Governance of the European School system;

Or. en

**Amendment 69
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42b. Calls on the Secretary-General to investigate which role the Parliament could play in the governance of the European School system, given the high number of staff who rely on them for educating their children, and report back to the competent committee before the end of the year;

Or. en

**Amendment 70
Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Takes note of the fact that the contract with the current travel agency expires on 31 December 2013 ***and that the preparations of a new call for tenders have started; regrets that, while the possibility of a financial audit was provided for in the contract, this is not the case for an audit of the structure and performance of the travel agency; insists that a future contract should include the possibility of intermediary and final financial and performance audits; as***

43. Takes note of the fact that the contract with the current travel agency expires on 31 December 2013; ***considers that if substantial savings on travel costs by Members and staff are to be realized, as decided by the bureau, it could be more cost effective to internalise this service allowing a better and more frequent control if the cheapest travel options are applied; request before that a new call for tender is issued a report comparing the costs for both options;***

requested by the Committee on Budgetary Control, welcomes the fact that the administration will also have recourse to external expertise when establishing tender documentation and throughout the selection procedure, thereby ensuring that Parliament chooses the best solution, resulting in major simplifications and cost-savings; stresses that the new contract should take into account the best quality/price ratio and the best value for money with competitive prices;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Takes note of the fact that the contract with the current travel agency expires on 31 December 2013 and that the preparations of a new call for tenders have started; regrets that, while the possibility of a financial audit was provided for in the contract, this is not the case for an audit of the structure and performance of the travel agency; insists that a future contract should include the possibility of intermediary and final financial and performance audits; as requested by the Committee on Budgetary Control, welcomes the fact that the administration will also have recourse to external expertise when establishing tender documentation and throughout the selection procedure, thereby ensuring that Parliament chooses the best solution, resulting in major simplifications and cost-savings; stresses that the new contract should take into account the best quality/price ratio and the best value for

Amendment

43. Takes note of the fact that the contract with the current travel agency expires on 31 December 2013 and that the preparations of a new call for tenders have started; regrets that, while the possibility of a financial audit was provided for in the contract, this is not the case for an audit of the structure and performance of the travel agency; insists that a future contract should include the possibility of intermediary and final financial and performance audits; as requested by the Committee on Budgetary Control, welcomes the fact that the administration will also have recourse to external expertise when establishing tender documentation and throughout the selection procedure, thereby ensuring that Parliament chooses the best solution, resulting in major simplifications and cost-savings; stresses that the new contract should take into account the best quality/price ratio and the best value for money with competitive prices; *reiterates*

money with competitive prices;

its proposal for exploring the possibility of having two travel agencies operating within Parliament, in direct competition, and whether this might provide a cost-neutral way of increasing efficiency and achieving best value for money;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 a. Welcomes the finalisation by the Bureau on 23 March 2011 of an Action Plan for the period 2011-2014 which aims at implementing the Parliament's updated Communication Strategy; notes that the Action Plan focuses on the 2014 parliamentary elections and that it defines a set of 21 specific activities in order to raise the citizens' awareness of and encourage their participation in the Parliament's legislative work;

(To be placed after subtitle "DG Communication - Parliaments' Communication Policy")

Or. en

Amendment 73

Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. *Welcomes the fact* that the new visitors' centre has *been a success judged*

44. *Notes* that the new visitors' centre has *received 253.000 visitors in its first year of*

in terms of the number of visitors (253.000) it received in its first year of activity;

activity; notes that its running costs in 2011 were EUR 2 472 062,55, giving an indicative cost of EUR 9,77 per visitor;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. Welcomes that following the success of the European Parliament's Visitors Programme the annual quota of visitors per Member has been raised from 100 to 110; notes that one of the major risks identified by the Internal Audit Service in the specific audit of the Visitors' service relates to the subsidy paid to groups invited by Members; underlines that the Bureau adopted new rules governing those subsidies which provide a clear breakdown of amounts paid for travel and accommodation that came into force as of 1 January 2012; believes that the European Parliament's Visitors Programme is key to increase the citizens knowledge and interest in the Parliament's legislative work and that efforts should be made to allow as many citizens as possible to take part in the programme; calls therefore for a further increase of the annual quota of visitors per Member;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. Takes the view that publishing Union data makes innovations possible, brings about considerable overall economic benefits, and makes administrations more efficient; calls for Parliament's data to be made permanently available in machine-readable form, without charge, so as to make them freely reusable; is of the opinion that the data must not be constrained because of platform- or system-specific architecture and that the data format must be based on widely used and freely accessible standards and be supported and maintained by organisations which are independent of manufacturers; stresses that full documentation relating to format and all extensions must be made freely available;

(Justification: The fundamental principle of Open Government Data must apply to modern, transparent administrations.)

Or. de

Amendment 76
Søren Bo Søndergaard, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. Insists that the communication budget must be used only to provide citizens with factual information on EU

policies; stresses that that also applies to social media activities;

Or. da

Amendment 77

Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Regrets that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010^{*}, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); regrets further that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has being made, despite the fact that this was requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; *welcomes, however, the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings;*

Amendment

45. Regrets that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010¹, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); regrets further that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has being made, despite the fact that this was requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; *believes, in view of the persistent low number of viewers, that Europarl TV should be discontinued;*

Or. en

Amendment 78

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Regrets that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared

Amendment

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¹ Direct visits per month on the website: 2010: 30 000; 2011: 39 559.

with 2010^{*}, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); regrets further that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has being made, despite the fact that this was requested by **Parliament** in its resolution on the discharge 2010; **welcomes, however**, the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings;

with 2010¹, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); regrets further that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has being made, despite the fact that this was requested by **plenary** in its resolution on the discharge 2010; **notes**, the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings; **expects that such a cost-benefit evaluation is presented before the 2012 discharge procedure**;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Regrets that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010^{*}, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); regrets **further** that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has **being** made, despite the fact that this was requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; **welcomes, however, the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings**;

Amendment

45. Regrets that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010², continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (excluding viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) despite the considerable financing that it still received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); **notes that in its resolution on the discharge 2010 Parliament called "on the Secretary-General to present proposals to its competent committee for the closure of the operation"**; regrets **that the Bureau decided to ignore Parliament's decision**; **notes with grave concern** that no cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV has **been**

¹ Direct visits per month on the website: 2010: 30 000; 2011: 39 559.

² Direct visits per month on the website: 2010: 30 000; 2011: 39 559.

made, despite the fact that this was requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; ***insists that a cost-benefit evaluation should be initiated immediately, explicitly considering the possibility of shutting the project down in its entirety;***

Or. en

Amendment 80
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. ***Regrets*** that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010*, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (***excluding*** viewers through partnership agreements with regional TVs) ***despite*** the considerable financing that it ***still*** received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); ***regrets further that no*** cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV ***has being made, despite the fact that this was*** requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; ***welcomes, however,*** the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings;

Amendment

45. ***Notes*** that the audience of Europarl TV, although greater in 2011 as compared with 2010¹, continues to be very low in the case of direct individual users (***however*** viewers through partnership agreements with ***national and*** regional TVs, ***as well as websites, are estimated to number 5.000.000 per month in 2011***); ***notes furthermore*** the considerable financing that it received in 2011, amounting to some EUR 8 000 000 (item 3 2 4 6); ***calls for continuing*** cost-benefit evaluation of Europarl TV ***as*** requested by Parliament in its resolution on the discharge 2010; ***and welcomes,*** the decision of the Bureau of 12 December 2012 to implement a set of reforms in order to achieve significant savings;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Chris Davies

¹ Direct visits per month on the website: 2010: 30 000; 2011: 39 559.

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45a. Expresses concern that, despite the expense of equipping the Parliament with state-of-the-art studios and its employment of a large team of communications professionals, media coverage of the Parliament's work may be discouraged by the requirement that broadcasters using the Parliament's studios pay satellite charges, and requests the Secretary-General to assess whether a change in arrangements would promote greater coverage of parliamentary debates and discussions involving Members and to report thereafter;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Is concerned at the increased cost of the Lux Prize in 2011^{*}; calls for a more cost-efficient management of this prize;

46. Is concerned at the increased cost of the Lux Prize in 2011¹; calls for a more cost-efficient management of this prize;
strongly suggest that the costs of the event should be set at a maximum ceiling of 500 000;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

¹ The figures in 2011: EUR 573 722; the figures in 2010: EUR 380 666

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Is concerned at the increased cost of the Lux Prize in 2011^{*}; calls for a more cost-efficient management of this prize;

Amendment

46. Is concerned at the increased cost of the Lux Prize in 2011¹; calls for a more cost-efficient management of this prize **and therefore suggests the Internal Auditor might consider reviewing its administration to achieve this goal;**

Or. en

Amendment 84
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 – footnote 25

Motion for a resolution

25 The figures in 2011: EUR 573 722; the figures in 2010: EUR 380 666

Amendment

25 The figures in 2011: EUR 573 722; the figures in 2010: EUR 380 666, **amounting to an increase in excess of 50%.**

Or. en

Amendment 85
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. Notes that, after five years in operation, fewer than one third of Members actually take part in voting; is therefore resolutely opposed to any increase in costs associated with publicity,

¹ The figures in 2011: EUR 573 722; the figures in 2010: EUR 380 666

promotion, travel and the expansion of activities relating to prizes awarded for organising events in Member States;

Or. cs

Amendment 86
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 b. Believes the Parliament, as a public institution, is not competent to judge the artistic merit of film productions; insists the LUX prize be discontinued in 2012;

Or. cs

Amendment 87
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011 and that the Commission has declared its willingness to *participate in* the running costs of the project and will communicate to Parliament before the end of the summer 2013 the terms of such contribution;

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011 and that the Commission has declared its willingness to *make an unspecified contribution to* the running costs of the project and will communicate to Parliament before the end of the summer 2013 the terms of such contribution; *notes that no contribution is expected from the Commission towards the set-up costs of the project;*

Or. en

Amendment 88
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011 and that the Commission has declared its willingness to participate in the running costs of the project and will communicate to Parliament before the end of the summer 2013 the terms of such contribution;

Amendment

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011 and that the Commission has declared its willingness to participate in the running costs of the project and will communicate to Parliament before the end of the summer 2013 the terms of such contribution; ***calls, nonetheless, for an immediate halt to the 'House of European History' project and for those contracts which have already been concluded to be terminated, albeit at the expense of contractual penalty payments;***

Or. nl

Amendment 89
Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011 ***and that the Commission has declared its willingness to participate in the running costs of the project and will communicate to Parliament before the end of the summer 2013 the terms of such contribution;***

Amendment

47. Notes that a business plan for the House of European History in Brussels was approved by the Bureau on 26 September 2011; ***deplores the decision to persist with this project, which is not only highly controversial and costly but also superfluous in light of the success of the visitor's centre; notes that pushing ahead with current plans will likely enforce negative public perceptions of Parliament, as it will be seen to be a costly and***

unnecessary vanity project in these times of financial difficulty; requests that all construction and associated works should be immediately halted, while the possibility of abandoning plans for a House of European History altogether is reconsidered by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Considers that a democratic institution such as the European Parliament ought not to advertise itself; calls on its Bureau, therefore, to make a proposal for an amended and more limited mission statement for the European Parliament's information offices;

Or. nl

Amendment 91
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Directorate-General for Internal Policies
(DG IPOL)*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Points out that a new Directorate for Impact Assessment has been set up within DG IPOL in July 2011 by decision of the Bureau; notes that the Directorate's main objective is to provide the Parliament with independent impact assessments in order to support its legislative work; welcomes that the Directorate's creation has been budgetary neutral;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Cornelis de Jong, Søren Bo Søndergaard

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Regrets the fact that until now the Commission has not made clear which part of the costs it will carry relating to the running of the House of European History which makes it impossible for the European Parliament to calculate the precise budgetary consequences in this respect; calls upon the Secretary-General to increase the pressure on the Commission to come up with the required information as soon as possible and at the latest before September 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Esther de Lange

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Points to the excellent quality of the Parliament's Interpretation and Translation services; notes that they continue to constitute a considerable part of the Parliament's budget; notes that the decision on the 'Resource efficient full multilingualism in interpretation' taken by the Bureau in 2011 increases the efficiency of interpretation services and reduces their structural costs; calls to bring forward a detailed document on the structure of translation and interpretation costs and measures to decrease further these costs and improve the efficiency of the services, without compromising overall quality;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

50a. Calls on its Bureau to make a proposal for reducing the cost of the monthly removal of the document trunks of Members and staff;

Or. nl

Amendment 96
Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

50a. Insists that the time has finally come to end all subsidies to the catering service, as it is no longer tenable that officials and staff pay anything other than market prices; expects to this end that catering services will be required to be self-sufficient; reiterates its suggestion that the possibility be explored for the existence of two or more service providers, in direct competition, so as to encourage increased quality of service and best value for money;

Or. en

**Amendment 97
Monica Luisa Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51a. Acknowledges that a new methodology, similar to provisions adopted by the Commission, was established in 2011 for the survey and procurement of property; notes that under the new methodology transparency and competition will be further strengthened through the publication of procurement-related documents in the Official Journal; observes that the new methodology has already been implemented by the Buildings Committee to examine the applications and bids received for the property market survey in Brussels, i.e. the replacement of the Eastman and Montoyer 63 buildings and the search for new premises;

Amendment 98

Derk Jan Eppink, Ryszard Czarnecki, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Points out that any property and buildings strategy must also take account of the rising costs of maintaining the buildings purchased;

Amendment

52. Points out that any property and buildings strategy must also take account of the rising costs of maintaining the buildings purchased; ***suggests that the current buildings strategy should be urgently re-examined, with a view to halting all expansion;***

Amendment 99

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Regrets that, for the second time, structural defects have been discovered in Parliament's buildings, this time in the wooden ceiling beams of Parliament's Brussels Chamber; calls on DG INLO to ***commission*** a full review of the structural situation of all of Parliament's buildings, if possible with the support of selected experts from the national building offices of different Members States ***and and*** making full use of in-house accumulated knowledge; calls on the Secretary-General to present a plan to the Bureau soon with all the ***economical*** details for these works;

Amendment

55. Regrets that, for the second time, structural defects have been discovered in Parliament's buildings, this time in the wooden ceiling beams of Parliament's Brussels Chamber; calls on DG INLO to ***make*** a full review of the structural situation of all of Parliament's buildings ***starting with those ones which still are guaranteed by the project developer against hidden faults***, if possible with the support of ***a few*** selected experts from the national building offices of different Members States, making full use of in-house accumulated knowledge; calls on the Secretary-General to present a plan to the Bureau soon with all the ***technical*** details

for these works *plus the costs involved*;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Recalls that the amount of EUR 85,9 million repaid by Belgium to the Parliament at the beginning of 2010 and earmarked for building projects is to be considered as external assigned revenue under Article 21 of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. Notes that, in 2011, the appropriations entered under budget item 4 0 0 were used as follows:

65. Notes that, in 2011, the appropriations entered under budget item 4 0 0 were used as follows: ***is concerned that for ALDE, ECR and EFD the figures for 2011 seem to be identical to those for 2010; is also concerned that the amount carried forward for Non-Attached may be understated;***

Or. en

Amendment 102
Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Takes the view that *the possibility should be considered of making both environmental improvements and smart savings in Parliament's budget by means of different* working methods *which are greener and cheaper but which do not detract from Parliament's work, including the use of teleconferences.*

Amendment

69. Takes the view that savings *and efficiencies should be sought through innovative* working methods *such as teleconferencing.*

Or. en

Amendment 103
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Takes the view that the possibility should be considered of making both environmental improvements and smart savings in Parliament's budget by means of different working methods which are greener and cheaper but which do not detract from Parliament's work, including the use of teleconferences.

Amendment

69. Takes the view that the possibility should be considered of making both environmental improvements and smart savings in Parliament's budget by means of different working methods *and modern technologies* which are greener and cheaper but which do not detract from Parliament's work, including the use of teleconferences.

Or. cs

Amendment 104
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Would like to be informed about the total KW/H produced by Parliament's solar panels;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Considers that its Members should render a full account of the use made of their general expenditure allowance; calls on its Bureau to submit a proposal for such an accounting procedure;

Or. nl

Amendment 106
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Reiterates its support for the pilot project on E-committee; strongly suggests that Members should be given the option in this context to choose whether or not to receive paper documentation in Committee meetings in order to significantly reduce the use of paper in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. Welcomes the new procedure enabling the recovery of overpayments following payments for hosting visitor groups; considers it a pity that the option of payment by bank transfer should be available only for transfers to personal accounts, with no provision for transfers to the accounts of organisations; is concerned about the significant security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups, the sums in question being as much as EUR 30 000 plus, with Parliament distributing up to EUR 388 000 in a day; points out that Directive 2005/60/EC on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing requires particular care to be taken with transactions involving sums of more than EUR 15 000, an amount that is regularly exceeded in Parliament's payments to visitors;

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69b. Calls on the Parliament department responsible to publish, on the Parliament website, how many classified documents Parliament has produced, broken down by level of classification, and how many classified documents, broken down by

*level of classification, it has received from
(or forwarded to) individual institutions,
other bodies and Member States of the
European Union and third parties;*

Or. de