Amendment 21
Claudia Schmidt, Petri Sarvamaa
on behalf of the PPE Group

Report **A8-0105/2018**
Derek Vaughan
Discharge 2016: EU general budget - European Parliament
2017/2137(DEC)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
102. Welcomes the decision of the Bureau to create an ad-hoc working group for defining and publishing the rules concerning the use of the general expenditure allowance; recalls the expectations articulated by Parliament in its resolutions of 5 April 2017[1011] on the 2018budget, which call for greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance and a need to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to Parliament; reiterates its call on the Bureau to make the following concrete changes concerning the general expenditure allowance swiftly:	***deleted***
- that the general expenditure allowance be handled in all cases in a separate bank account;	
- that all receipts pertaining to the general expenditure allowance be kept by Members;	
- that the unspent share of the general expenditure allowance be returned at the end of a Member's mandate;	

[10] Texts adopted, P8_TA(2017)0114

[11] Texts adopted,
P8_TA_PROV(2017)0408

Or. en

Amendment 22
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102 a (new)

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
	102 a. Takes note of previous discharge resolutions, which state inter alia that "GEA is intended to cover expenditure in the Member State of election, such as a Members' office rent, equipment, supplies, documentation or logistical organisation of events; takes note that a comprehensive system of control of the Member's parliamentary mandate allowance would represent 40 to75 new administrative posts, which would go against the staff reduction scheme"[1a]

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[1a] EP discharge 2014

Or. en

Amendment 23
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 103

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
103. Recalls the principle of the independence of a Member's mandate; underlines that it is the responsibility of elected Members to use the expenditures for parliamentary activities and that it is possible for Members - who wish to do so - to publish their spending record of the general expenditure allowance on their personal webpages;	***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 24
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 103 a (new)

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
	103 a. Acknowledges the appeal for transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance for Members; takes note of President Antonio Tajani's decision to install a GEA-Working Group on Bureau-level; calls on Parliament's Bureau to diligently research lump sums (such as the general expenditure allowance) as such a scheme significantly reduces administrative burden, among other things; expects the Bureau to provide a clear overview over the benefits of this scheme; recalls that lump sum payments exist in many forms such as kilometric allowance, commuter allowance, and so on;

Or. en

Amendment 25
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
104. Believes that any revision of the general expenditure allowance should take into account previously adopted plenary recommendations concerning transparency and financial accountability;	***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 26
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on behalf of the PPE Group

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104 a (new)

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
	104 a. Recalls the principle of the independence of the mandate; underlines that it is the responsibility of elected Members to use the expenditures for Parliament activities and that it is possible for Members -who wish to do so - to publish their spending record of the GEA on their personal webpages; stresses the fact that the lump sum is widely used and recognised as the useful tool in Member States; reiterates that improved efficiency and transparency of the GEA does not mean to infringe upon privacy and should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration; awaits a communication of the GEA-Working Group's findings in due time;

Or. en