

**Amendment 14**

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on behalf of the EFDD Group

**Report****A8-0108/2019****Claudia Schmidt**

Discharge 2017: EU general budget - European Parliament  
2018/2167(DEC)

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. ***Notes*** that Parliament's final appropriations for 2017 totalled EUR 1 909 590 000, or 19,25 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework<sup>9</sup> set aside for the 2017 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, representing ***a 3,9 %*** increase over the 2016 budget (EUR 1 838 613 983); ***stresses that this increase is substantially above the Belgian inflation rate in 2017, which was only 2,65 %;***

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<sup>9</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

*Amendment*

1. ***Deplores the fact*** that Parliament's final appropriations for 2017 totalled EUR 1 909 590 000, or 19,25 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework<sup>9</sup> set aside for the 2017 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, representing ***an increase of no less than 3.9%*** over the 2016 budget (EUR 1 838 613 983); ***deplores the fact that Parliament's budget has increased steadily year on year during the current parliamentary term, reaching a total of no less than EUR 1 999 144 000 for the financial year 2019; calls, therefore, for Parliament to set as the main objective for its own budget that of curbing its own costs as much as possible and seeking significant savings, in order to send out a message of solidarity with EU citizens;***

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<sup>9</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

Or. en

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**Amendment 15**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Calls for a reduction of at least 20% in Members' monthly salaries, daily allowances and emoluments, including the general expenditure allowance, with a view to sending out a message of solidarity with EU citizens; calls on the Bureau to review the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members in order to achieve as many savings as possible in the area of Members' allowances;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 39***Motion for a resolution*

39. Still strongly regrets that, despite repeated calls from the Parliament to establish a single seat, and the fact that citizens of the Union do not understand why the Parliament should divide its activities over two seats, so far the European Council has not even begun a discussion on how to meet Parliament's requests in this respect; recalls the Court's 2014 analysis which estimated annual savings of EUR 114 million were Parliament to centralise its operations; recalls the Parliament's 2013 resolution<sup>10</sup> which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to range from EUR 156 million to EUR 204 million per year;

*Amendment*

39. Still strongly regrets that, despite repeated calls from the Parliament to establish a single seat, and the fact that citizens of the Union do not understand why the Parliament should divide its activities over two seats, so far the European Council has not even begun a discussion on how to meet Parliament's requests in this respect; recalls the Court's 2014 analysis which estimated annual savings of EUR 114 million were Parliament to centralise its operations; recalls the Parliament's 2013 resolution<sup>10</sup> which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to range from EUR 156 million to EUR 204 million per year; ***deplores the fact that over a single parliamentary term the costs generated by Parliament's geographic dispersion can amount to as much as EUR 1 billion and voices opposition to the multiannual building projects intended to increase the office space available to Members in both Strasbourg and Brussels; calls, therefore, for practical steps to be taken quickly to establish a single seat for Parliament, in order to prevent any further waste of public money;***

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<sup>10</sup> P7\_TA(2013)0498

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**Amendment 17**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 71 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***71 a. Takes the view that Parliament's Drivers' Service should be used by Members exclusively for journeys to Parliament's premises from the airport/station or vice versa (primary journeys), and that Parliament minivans and minibuses should be used for this purpose; emphasises that in Belgium MEPs can use trains free of charge;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 18**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 92 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***92 a. Deplores the fact that over the last five years, from 2014 to 2018 inclusive, the cost to Parliament of renting its buildings was more than EUR 160 million, and more than EUR 37 million for the financial year 2017 alone; calls, therefore, for the leases to be renegotiated with a view to achieving the largest possible savings;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 109***Motion for a resolution*

109. ***Recalls*** that, in a note to the Bureau dated 8 March 2018, the Parliament's Secretary-General accepted that the pension fund linked to the Members' voluntary pension scheme "will exhaust its capital well before the end of the pension obligations and possibly already by 2024"; calls therefore upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau, ***while respecting fully the Statute for Members, to urgently establish a clear plan for the Parliament assuming and taking over its obligations and responsibilities for its Member's voluntary pension scheme immediately after the 2019 elections;***

*Amendment*

109. ***Takes note*** that, in a note to the Bureau dated 8 March 2018, the Parliament's Secretary-General accepted that the pension fund linked to the Members' voluntary pension scheme "will exhaust its capital well before the end of the pension obligations and possibly already by 2024"; calls therefore upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau ***to find a solution which does not impose a further financial burden on European taxpayers;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 20**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 109 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***109 a. Takes the view that Decision 2005/684/EC on the Statute for Members needs to be revised, in order to amend Article 14 and bring the pension entitlements of Members of the European Parliament into line with the social security systems for ordinary citizens of individual Member States, as regards both the calculation of the amount and the age- and contribution-related requirements which entitle them to a pension; calls, further, for a recalculation of the pensions paid out from the EU budget to former Members who accrued such an entitlement prior to, and following, the entry into force of the current Statute for Members;***

Or. en



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**Amendment 21**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 145 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***145 a. Calls for all expenditure relating to European political parties and political foundations to be discontinued and stresses the fact that the latter should become totally reliant on own resources and cease to be financially dependent on Parliament's budget;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 22**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 149 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***149 a. Deplores the fact that the cost of meetings and other activities of former Members (Item 440) and for meetings and other activities of the European Parliamentary Association (Item 442) amounted to EUR 420 000 in the financial year 2017, and emphasises that groups of this kind should be totally reliant on their own resources and no longer be financially dependent on Parliament's budget;***

Or. en