

Amendment 1**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Report**A8-0108/2019****Claudia Schmidt**Discharge 2017: EU general budget - European Parliament
2018/2167(DEC)**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 29***Motion for a resolution*

29. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay; reiterates its call to remove the possibility of appointing APAs as head of a group;

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29. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay; ***is extremely worried about recent cases of misuse; is of the firm opinion that the rules governing the payment of financial contributions should be revised as soon as possible in order to avoid that any benefit can be generated by MEPs; calls on the Bureau to generalise the reimbursement based on bills for visitors groups; recalls its request to delete the possibility to appoint APAs as head of a group;*** reiterates its call to remove the possibility of appointing APAs as head of a group;

Or. en

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Amendment 2

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Notes with appreciation that technical solutions were created for Members who wish to use their individual page on the Parliament's website for publication of meetings with interest representatives; ***notes also that*** the Bureau ***is considering whether*** to extend this solution to ensure that information is directly available on Parliament's website;

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36. Notes with appreciation that technical solutions were created for Members who wish to use their individual page on the Parliament's website for publication of meetings with interest representatives; ***calls on*** the Bureau to extend this solution ***to all Members in order*** to ensure that information is directly available on Parliament's website;

Or. en

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2018/2167(DEC)**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 72***Motion for a resolution*

72. Supports the effort to bring the drivers' service in-house and the progress achieved so far; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand;

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72. Supports the effort to bring the drivers' service in-house and the progress achieved so far; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand; ***acknowledges the implementation of the "E-mobility" Road Map with a view to the diversification, greening and electrification of the fleet; recalls that a direct train link now exists between the European Parliament in Brussels and the main airport and railway stations, which Members may use free of charge.***

Or. en

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Amendment 4

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 106 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

106 a. Repeatedly raises its concerns about the current code of conduct for Members since it does not offer sufficient safeguards in order to avoid conflicts of interests; strongly believes that Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for Members should be rephrased to include a clear ban on Members holding additional jobs or other paid work; calls for rules to be further improved in order to avoid conflict of interest for former Members engaging in lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions during the period of time in which they are receiving transition allowance;

Or. en

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Amendment 5

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 107 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

107 a. Urges the Bureau to implement the democratic will of the plenary concerning the GEA as soon as possible; furthermore, urges the Bureau to immediately reconvene the working group in order to reform the GEA by developing new rules for greater transparency and financial accountability;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 107 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

107 b. Calls in addition on the Bureau to make the following, additional changes concerning the GEA on top of those already adopted by the plenary:

- a 5% sample checks of the GEA spending by the European Parliament's internal auditing; the final results and the findings should be part of the annual internal audit report published by the European Parliament;***
- the need for Members to publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies, etc.);***
- the admission of an independent auditor in charge of the annual check of the accounts and the publication of an auditor's opinion;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 107 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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107 c. Recalls Article 62 of the Decision of the Bureau of 19 May and 9 July 2008 and the Decision of the Bureau of 5 July and 18 October concerning implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament, which stipulates that "the sums paid", including the General Expenditure Allowance, "shall be reserved exclusively for the funding of activities linked to the exercise of a Member's mandate and may not be used to cover personal expenses or to fund grants or donations of a political nature" and that "Members shall pay back any unused amounts to Parliament"; calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau of the European Parliament to ensure that those provisions are fully implemented and complied with;

Or. en

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Amendment 8

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 107 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

107 d. Is of the opinion that the European Parliament should revise both the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (2005/684/EC) and the implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (2009/C 159/01) in order to make the statute of the Members fairer, more transparent and less costly, while respecting the freedom and independence of Members and preserving the capacity of the Members to carry on their duty as parliamentarians;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 132***Motion for a resolution*

132. Recognises that whistleblowing is crucial in deterring unlawful activities and wrongdoing; notes there were no parliamentary whistleblower cases in 2017 and of the three in 2016, all were *APAs* and were dismissed by their respective Members; *believes that* the Parliament *may not be inspiring confidence in their staff generally, nor granting requisite legal protection to APAs specifically, to those who wish to report wrongdoing; calls on* the Secretary-General to *remedy* this situation *as a matter of urgency*;

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132. Recognises that whistleblowing is crucial in *preventing and* deterring unlawful activities and wrongdoing; notes there were no parliamentary whistleblower cases in 2017 and of the three in 2016, all were *accredited parliamentary assistants* and were dismissed by their respective Members; *emphasises the vulnerable position accredited parliamentary assistants and interns employed by Members hold in respect to internal whistleblower protection rules; notes with great concern the Secretary-General's acknowledgement that "whistleblowing rules are applicable to accredited parliamentary assistants but the Parliament cannot provide employment protection"; urges* the Secretary-General to *address this situation and fulfil the European Parliament's legal obligation under Staff Regulation to protect whistleblowers for all Union staff classifications; urges the Secretary-General to apply comparable remedies to accredited parliamentary assistant whistleblowers to those accredited parliamentary assistants who are victims of harassment, such as post transfer and salary payment until the end of their contract*;

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 133 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

133 a. Notes the Commission's proposal of 23 April 2017 on Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law; supports the Parliament's corresponding report adopted in the Legal Affairs committee on 20 November 2018; laments that Union staff are not part of the material scope of the proposed Directive; recognises that protections in the Legal Affairs committee report would afford more protections than in the Parliaments' own internal rules; urges the Secretary-General to bring these internal rules into line with the parliament's position on the proposed Directive;

Or. en