

**Question for written answer E-000561/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Media subsidies in connection with the 2014 elections

In the 'Information on the budgetary and financial management of the EP 2012' (discharge procedure 2012) there are a number of comments which give rise to the following further questions.

1. On page 8, the Commission states that 'to increase Parliament's visibility in the run-up to the 2014 elections (...) grants were awarded in the areas of television, radio, web-based projects or specific events'. Can the Commission provide a detailed list of the 'grants' referred to, broken down by type of medium, name and Member State, and the size of the grants received by each party?
2. Page 8 refers to 'Editorial Community Managers', who will 'continuously monitor the social media landscape'. Can the Commission indicate how many people this relates to, what their salary is and to whom they report? What is the exact purpose of their work?
3. Page 9, under the heading 'future of EuroparlTV', mentions: 'external promotion in 3 main directions: partner media, social media and schools'. Can the Commission provide an (itemised) list of the budget set aside for these objectives?