

**Question for written answer E-002168/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: SelmayrGate and the numerous appointments of Deputy Directors-General in the Juncker Commission - Use of Articles 7 and 29 of the Staff Regulations

On 31 January 2018 the post of Deputy Secretary-General was published. Only two candidates applied, a man and a woman, both from the cabinet of the Commission President. The new Secretary-General was one of the applicants for the post; the second candidate applied for the vacancy on 8 February 2018 and withdrew the application prior to the interview with the Consultative Committee on Appointments, scheduled for 20 February 2018¹ and was then appointed as the new Head of Cabinet of the President^{2,3}.

Article 29 of the Staff Regulations was used for the appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General and Article 7 for the appointment of the Secretary-General⁴.

The Commission should explain how it guarantees equal opportunities and selection of the best qualified candidates when it fails to properly notify staff in line with Court of Justice case law and without open and transparent procedures.

1. Why did the Commission use different procedures to appoint the same candidate as both Deputy Secretary-General and Secretary-General, and at the same college meeting?
2. How many Deputy Directors-General have been appointed since the start of the Juncker Commission mandate, and has there been an increase in the number of appointments of Deputy Directors-General in comparison with the Barroso Commission?
3. What is the benefit for the institution of having more Deputy Directors-General within the Commission?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/news/european-commission-confirms-appointment-mr-selmayr-secretary-general-decided-full-compliance-all-legal-rules-2018-mar-24_en

² [http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201804/CONT/CONT\(2018\)0416_1/sitt-8102178](http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201804/CONT/CONT(2018)0416_1/sitt-8102178)

³ [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2018/2624\(RSP\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2018/2624(RSP)&l=en)

⁴ <http://www.sven-giegold.de/2018/selmayr-tough-resolution>