

Question for written answer E-003796/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
James Carver (NI)

Subject: VP/HR - Yemeni proxy war

Karin Kneissl, the Austrian Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, addressed the Committee on Foreign Affairs on 10 July 2018. Speaking on Yemen, she stated that the conflict is most definitely a proxy war.

This is in direct contradiction to the comments made by the EU Ambassador to Yemen, Antonia Calvo-Puerta, at a three-day meeting of tribal leaders. She suggested that the conflict was internally motivated and could only be resolved through intra-clan negotiation. This view appears to be supported in Yemeni press reports attributed to Patricia Lalonde MEP, who is quoted as advocating an 'EP strategy' for extensive inter-tribal talks owing to the fact that the conflict cannot be affected by external actors.

Does the VP/HR repudiate the comments and views of the EU Ambassador and Patricia Lalonde?

If the VP/HR agrees that the Yemen conflict is a proxy war, what strategy does she propose to bring Iran and the 'Coalition' to the negotiating table, and what options are there aside from the status quo ante?