Question for written answer E-000234/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Seán Kelly (PPE)

Subject: EU broadcasting for citizens

European citizens can access a variety of live broadcasts and playbacks from their national parliaments' debates on television. This is an important tool of communication between citizens and policymakers, particularly as citizens often feel a lack of connection to their representatives.

The institutions of the European Union do not televise their plenary sessions in the same way, for citizens to access via 'free-to-air' satellite television. This could be a significant missed opportunity to improve EU citizens' understanding of how the institutions work.

Can the Commission underline why the debates of the EU institutions are not available via free-to-air satellite television, and whether there is any plan to make them available in the future?

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