

**Question for written answer E-001382/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Médecins sans frontières paying its Australian communications director an annual salary of AUD 140 000

Médecins sans frontières (MSF) is an organisation working in the area of public health. What many people don't know is that it declared to the Commission an annual budget of EUR 1.5 billion.<sup>1</sup> It is beyond belief that MSF used Aquarius, its boat-taxi, to transport 77 642 illegal immigrants from Africa to Europe until the Italian Government of Mr Salvini intervened in December 2018.<sup>2</sup> It is unacceptable that people working for the organisation used the services of prostitutes in the place where they were carrying out humanitarian work in Africa.<sup>3</sup> It is also disgraceful that MSF is paying its Australian communications director an annual salary of 140 000 dollars<sup>4</sup>, excluding bonuses.<sup>5</sup>

Curiously, MSF declares having received EUR 5 million from the Commission and EUR 27 million from other public sources in 2016.<sup>6</sup>

How many of the 77 642 immigrants brought over by MSF are now unemployed in Europe?

Exactly how much money did the Commission send MSF in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

Will the Commission continue to fund the organisation in 2019, in light of these horrifying scandals?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=928308827208-10>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/msf-rescue-boat-aquarius-mediterranean-sea-migrants-refugees-italy-salvini-libya-a8671571.html> ; <http://searchandrescue.msf.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.lalibre.be/actu/international/apres-oxfam-l-ong-medecins-sans-frontieres-plongee-dans-un-scandale-sexuel-5b2b951b5532a2968895b44d>

<sup>4</sup> 140 000 Australian dollars, which is the equivalent of about EUR 90 000 per year, or 7200 per month.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.seek.com.au/job/38451171?searchrequesttoken=127f7830-2ac8-4128-8748-6113b3c44b0b&type=standard>

<sup>6</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=928308827208-10>