

Question for written answer E-002225/2021

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 138

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Subject: European External Action Service complaint mechanism for cases giving rise to a presumption of a breach of obligations by an EU statutory staff member

If there is a case that gives rise to a presumption of a breach of obligations by an EU statutory staff member, anyone within the European External Action Service (EEAS) aware of the matter must report it to their hierarchy, in particular to the Director-General for Budget and Administration (Article 22a of the Staff Regulations). Another possibility is to report it directly to the Investigation and Disciplinary Office of the Commission (IDOC).

1. How many such reports were filed within the EEAS in 2019 and 2020 respectively (disaggregated by year and gender)?
2. In how many cases did the IDOC find prima facie evidence of a potential breach of the Staff Regulations and for how many of those cases did the EEAS Appointing Authority open an administrative inquiry in 2019 and 2020 respectively (disaggregated by year and gender)?
3. What is the ratio between cases that reached the disciplinary stage where the Appointing Authority decided to give a disciplinary penalty without referral to the Disciplinary Board and cases where the Appointing Authority considered that a disciplinary penalty with financial impact might be appropriate (disaggregated by year and gender)?