

**Question for written answer E-003175/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Accusations of corruption concerning Ms Kyriakides

There are currently press reports of a national scandal involving Ms Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, who is from Cyprus.

A company belonging to Ms Kyriakides's husband is said to have received a loan of several million euros for which it was not eligible, since there was a lack of sufficient collateral. The loan had been granted by a public bank which was in a fragile condition and had been repeatedly bailed out by Cyprus's taxpayers.

Ms Kyriakides has been accused of not mentioning her husband's ownership of the company in her declaration of interests.

It is not for us to take a stance on an ongoing case in a Member State. However, the public becomes alarmed at the mention of the word 'corruption'. Ms Kyriakides oversaw European Union orders for coronavirus vaccines, orders which have been plagued by episodes which might harm the Union's interests.

In order properly to reassure the public, the Commission is called upon to answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of this situation?
2. What is its official position on this matter and, if necessary, what measures will it be taking?
3. What guarantees can it give that the orders for vaccines were not tarnished by any impropriety?