

**Question for written answer E-005327/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of business aircraft

It came out in the British media recently that European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has apparently been using a business aircraft for some of her trips on official business, 18 out of her 34 official trips since December 2019 in fact.

1. Not only Ms von der Leyen, but also almost all the other Members of the Commission have used air taxis, in other words business aircraft, multiple times for their trips on official business since taking office. What are the reasons for not using ordinary aeroplanes for these journeys?
2. What is the Commission's response to allegations of double standards when its members talk of a 'Green Deal' while at the same time using a business aircraft to cover a distance of 50 kilometres?
3. Ultimately, it is the taxpayers of individual Member States who will have to bear the costs of these business aircraft flights. How much does a single trip by air taxi cost compared to an ordinary flight?