According to the Commission records, since 2005, the Honourable Member submitted 637 written parliamentary questions (both priority and not priority ones), out of which 153 were replied within the timelines unilaterally set by the European Parliament in its internal Rules of Procedure.

Timely and pertinent replies to parliamentary questions are an integral part of the Commission’s special partnership with the European Parliament. The President’s Political Guidelines made this a priority from the beginning of the mandate. These questions and answers are an important instrument of political scrutiny and the Commission has repeatedly acknowledged the importance of providing pertinent, high quality and timely replies in every case. The Commission’s objective is always to provide concise replies that focus on the main political points that Members of Parliament raise.

As announced, a first meeting between the teams responsible for the handling of parliamentary questions in the European Parliament and in the Commission took place on 16 March 2022. They discussed possible solutions to some of the procedural and technical issues hampering an optimal handling of this important political scrutiny tool, on both sides. These meetings will continue to take place on regular basis in order to ensure progressive improvement.