

**Question for written answer E-004149/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Pay transparency directive and competitiveness

On 25 November 2021, a debate was held by Parliament with the aim of assessing the quality of the Commission's answers to parliamentary questions for written answer and the extent to which these questions are answered in a timely manner. It took four months for an answer to be provided to a question regarding the SURE instrument submitted by the author of this question, for example<sup>1</sup>.

Very little has changed since then.

On 18 May 2022, the author of this question submitted a question to the Commission asking why the Commission's impact assessment regarding the proposal for a pay transparency directive lacked an analysis on competitiveness. An answer was only provided three months later, and even then the answer was brief and purely formal, with no mention of competitiveness<sup>2</sup>.

1. How can the Commission justify this three-month delay in answering a parliamentary question?
2. Does the Commission believe that this has an adverse impact on parliamentary scrutiny?
3. What is the reason for the lack of any analysis on competitiveness in the Commission's impact assessment regarding the proposal for a pay transparency directive?

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<sup>1</sup> Question E-003010/2020, 15 May 2020; answer dated 14 September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Question E-001855/2022, 18 May 2022; answer dated 20 September 2022.