

**Question for written answer E-000891/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Procurement contracts for COVID-19 vaccines and other protection products

As a Member of the CONT Committee and S&D Group rapporteur on the granting of discharge to the European Commission for the financial year 2021, I wish to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Why in 2021 did the Commission conclude multiple contracts for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines and other protection products, but never indicate why that quantity of vaccines was agreed or how the purchase price was established?
2. Why did the Commission not provide clarifications on the exchange of text messages between Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and the representative of Pfizer?
3. It is bearing in mind the need to protect the EU's financial resources that I would ask you to answer these questions with a view to clarifying matters.

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