

**Question for written answer E-001042/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commissioner Johansson's reaction to the announcement of the UK's draft bill

With more than 45 000 people having landed illegally on the English coast in 2022, the British Government unveiled, on 7 March 2023, a draft bill to make it easier to detain and remove people entering the country illegally.

The European Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, told *Politico* that she had spoken to the UK's Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, the same day and had said to her: 'I think that this is violating international law'. Responding to Ms Johansson's comments, a UK Home Office official confirmed that Ms Braverman had spoken to the Commissioner before her Commons statement and the publication of the bill, and that she had asked the Commissioner to read the detail of the bill once it was published.

1. Can the Commission confirm that Ms Johansson had read the draft bill before declaring to the Home Secretary that it probably violated international law?
2. Can the Commission provide details of the specific elements on which she based that judgment?
3. Is the Commission aware that making hasty judgments on such an important matter undermines the European Union, its credibility on the world stage and its relations with the United Kingdom?

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