

**Question for written answer E-001117/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The UK Government knew that COVID-19 has very low mortality and is therefore 'pretty meaningless'

Recent publications prove that the Government of the United Kingdom communicated internally on WhatsApp about the fact that COVID-19 is a (cold) virus with very low mortality, literally 'pretty meaningless'.¹As this had a negative impact on the willingness to get vaccinated, the UK Health Secretary moved to highlight the number of people testing positive instead of the number of deaths.

1. What does the Commission's communication entail internally, with other EU institutions, with Pfizer, with the UK Government and/or with other governments concerning the low mortality rate of COVID-19?
2. What was the impact of the concerns of one or more Members of the Commission with regard to the willingness of citizens to get vaccinated and/or to accept measures imposed and recommended, including lockdowns, COVID certificates and face masks?
3. Are the Commission's objections to releasing the contracts, side letters, annexes to the contracts and correspondence between the Commission and Pfizer related to the low mortality rate of COVID-19?

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¹ <https://dissident.one/2023/03/02/whatsapp-berichten-tussen-de-belangrijkste-britse-besluitvormers-tijdens-de-pandemie-uitgelekt-ze-wisten-dat-covid-onschadelijk-was/>; <https://archive.is/Dpe4L>