

**Question for written answer E-002581/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commissioner Johansson's failure to attend a major debate held in the European Parliament at the behest of the Identity and Democracy Group (continued)

In response to my written question P-002028/2023¹ asking why the Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, was replaced by the Commissioner for Agriculture for a major debate held in the European Parliament on 10 May 2023 at the behest of the Identity and Democracy Group and entitled 'Externalising asylum applications and making funding to third countries conditional on the implementation of return agreements', the Commission replied² that 'it is not unusual that Commissioners have competing institutional obligations that they also need to attend' and that, in this event, one European Commissioner may replace another one in the Chamber.

However, Commissioner Johansson's official agenda does not show that she had any other meeting or institutional obligation that day³.

1. In the interests of transparency, could the Commissioner for Home Affairs indicate which meeting we was attending at the same time as this crucial debate for Europeans?
2. Was she absent because she was unable to bear the fact that an ID Group Member had in the past publicly shown her⁴ to be knitting in the Chamber while he was reading out the names of the latest victims of untrammelled immigration to Europe?
3. Will the Commissioner pledge in future to show mutual respect, to maintain its dignity and to refrain from any inappropriate behaviour, as is also required of Members of Parliament⁵?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002028_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002028-ASW_EN.html

³ https://commissioners.ec.europa.eu/calendar-items-commissioners_en?f%5B0%5D=events_events%3A22&f%5B1%5D=ewcms_calendar_item_date%3A2023-05-09T15%3A54%3A59%2B02%3A00%7C2023-05-11T15%3A54%3A59%2B02%3A00&f%5B2%5D=ewcms_calendar_status%3Aupcoming

⁴ https://twitter.com/J_Bardella/status/1412508763647627271

⁵ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RULES-9-2023-07-10-RULE-010_EN.html