

**Question for written answer E-000096/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission responses to document access requests

In an inquiry report published in September 2023, the European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly found that there were systemic delays in the Commission's processing of requests for public access to documents. She explicitly criticised the lack of human resources. The unit responsible for transparency in the Commission's Secretariat-General plays a key role in responding to access requests. Among other things, it is in charge of replying to confirmatory applications. Following the inquiry, the Commission promised the Ombudsman that it would allocate more resources to this unit.

1. Since the Ombudsman's report was published, has the Commission increased the number of staff in the Secretariat-General's unit responsible for transparency?
2. At the time of the inquiry, the Commission told the Ombudsman that there were ten case officers working for the unit responsible for transparency. In view of this, how many case officers were working for the unit on 1 January 2024, on 1 January 2023 and each year before that up until 2002, expressed in full-time equivalents?

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