

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1039/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Commissioner Reding standing in the European elections

Commissioner Reding will be standing in the European election, without taking any leave, for the duration of her electoral campaign, from her current duties, as agreed with former Employment Commissioner Mrs Diamontopolou.

Why is there no general rule that applies during electoral campaigns within the College of Commissioners? Is it because the Commission does not think it appropriate to draw up an unambiguous rule within its college because it wishes to avoid conflicts of interest between the Commissioners' duties and the candidates' interests?