

**Question for written answer P-001359/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: European Environment Agency (EEA) - the case of the Executive Director

The 2010 discharge procedure revealed managerial weaknesses in the European Environment Agency (EEA). They included breaches of public procurement rules, and missions and travel expenses not accounted for. In May 2012, on the basis of the findings of the procedure, the European Parliament postponed the EEA's discharge for the financial year 2010. Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control refused to grant discharge to the EEA in September 2012. The discharge was, however, granted by a very slight majority in October 2012.

The position of the EEA's Executive Director was due for renewal in 2013. In December 2012, the EEA Management Board selected a new Executive Director, to take office from 1 June 2013. However, the current Executive Director has remained in charge, despite her questionable management of the agency, instead of being provisionally replaced by the Deputy Director.

1. When was the current Executive Director first hired?
2. How much will her pension be upon completion of her current contract as Executive Director of the European Environment Agency?
3. Would other pension rules apply if she were to leave before the end of her contract?
4. Why was the current Executive Director not replaced by the Deputy Director until a new Executive Director had been appointed?