

**Priority question for written answer P-001307/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lengthy delays to the Commission's answers to written questions

Regrettably, many of my questions have not been answered by the Commission on time. I regard that as a hindrance to my work in the European Parliament. A number of questions have not been answered at all, such as all my oral questions<sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>, and not even the major interpellations have been answered<sup>6, 7</sup>. I have raised the matter of response times and the quality of answers both in an oral question<sup>8</sup> and in a major interpellation<sup>9</sup>, neither of which has ever been dealt with.

1. Why can the six-week time limit for answers to written questions that is laid down in Rule 138(3) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure not be met?
2. To what extent is the Commission aware that, in failing to answer written questions on time, it is hindering the parliamentary work of a Member of the European Parliament?
3. What action is the Commission taking to ensure that, in future, it can meet the time limit for answers, and when are the major interpellations likely to be answered?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000036\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000036_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000047\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000047_EN.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000048\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000048_EN.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000056\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000056_EN.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000063\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000063_EN.html)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001001\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001001_EN.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001002\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001002_EN.html)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000036\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/O-9-2020-000036_EN.html)

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001002\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/G-9-2020-001002_EN.html)