

**Priority question for written answer P-002512/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Danish political parties' business clubs

According to reports in the Danish media, a number of political parties represented in the Danish Parliament have 'business clubs' which, for a fee, give access to politicians from the parties concerned, including the party currently in government. Those paying an annual fee of DKK 20 000 can, for example, obtain access to meetings with the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Taxation.¹

In Denmark DKK 20 000 is the maximum donation that can be made anonymously to a political party².

In the country chapter concerning Denmark its 2020 rule of law report, the Commission points out that political party financing issues have been highlighted in international evaluations, and that most recommendations have not yet been implemented.³

Does the Commission take the view that the parties' business clubs are consistent with those recommendations? And is the Commission intending to highlight the issue of business clubs in its next report on the rule of law situation?

¹ 'Social Democrats selling meetings with PM and top ministers via business club' – *Altinget* – *Alt om politik*: altinget.dk

² *Partistøtteloven* (law on political party financing) (retsinformation.dk)

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020SC0303&from=EN>