

**Priority question for written answer P-004983/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Private aircraft used by the Commission, their emissions and their costs

According to press reports, members of the European Commission regularly use private aircraft for official journeys and, for example, Commission President von der Leyen has taken a private aircraft for 18 of her 34 official journeys, even for a 55-kilometre trip from Vienna to Bratislava. President von der Leyen also flew to the climate change conference in Glasgow, although there is a rail connection between Brussels and the UK.

May I ask what the greenhouse gas emissions from private aircraft used by the Commission are up to now, and how much the official trips by private aircraft made by the Commission President and the members of the Commission have cost? I might also ask why Commission President von der Leyen did not travel to the climate conference by train, like Greta Thunberg.