

**Question for written answer E-000189/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Travel routes used by the Commission

Since 2018, individual Members of the Commission have been expected to publish all missions they undertake, in accordance with Article 6(2) of Commission Decision C(2018)0700. However, the individual websites of the Members of the Commission do not indicate the routes taken or the cost of individual flights. In March 2023, it emerged that Henrik Hololei had taken several free business-class flights on Qatar Airways.

1. How often did President von der Leyen authorise the use of private planes in 2024 and who authorised President von der Leyen's travel?
2. On what routes were private planes used by Members of the Commission in 2024 (with a detailed list of journeys as in the answer to question P-001138/2023¹) and what were the names of the passengers on the private aircraft?
3. Which other Commission staff members (besides Henrik Hololei) and Commissioners were authorised to travel on mission in 2024 with the costs being covered by third parties, what routes were involved and, where applicable, which companies covered those costs?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-001138-ASW_EN.html