

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1979/09  
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to the Council

Subject: Transparency of the Council in related party disclosures

The consolidated annual accounts of the European Communities for 2007 drawn up by the Commission contain a section on related party disclosures (See Official Journal C 287, 10.11.2008, pp. 79/80).

This document divides the key management of the European Communities into five categories as regards financial entitlements, from Category 1 (the President of the Commission and the President of the Court of Justice) to Category 5 (the highest ranking civil servants of the Institutions and Agencies).

As of 31 December 2007 a total of 208 persons were listed in these five categories. According to the table in the annual accounts their basic salaries ranged from € 23 617.91 to € 10 882.28 monthly.

The annual accounts do not indicate whether the Secretary-General and deputy Secretary-General of the Council and/or senior officials in the Council are included in this survey.

Will the Council say whether this is the case and what the basic salaries are in each case?

In case key management of the Council is not included, will the Council give the reasons for this and also explain how this is compatible with the Council's obligations under Article 129 (2) of the Financial Regulation?