

six applicant countries, with which these negotiations have been opened. The Commission will inform the Parliament on the results of this screening in meetings with interested parliamentary committees as usual.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-0800/99
by Gerhard Hager (NI) to the Commission

(6 April 1999)

Subject: Austrians in the Commission

People with whom I come into contact in my home Member State of Austria frequently ask me about the Austrian nationals employed at the EU institutions.

I should therefore be glad if you could answer the following questions:

1. How many Austrian nationals are employed at the Commission?
2. In which DGs are they employed (please provide a detailed list)?
3. How many of these Austrians are A, B, C or D grade officials respectively?
4. How many Swedes and Finns are employed at the Commission?

Answer given by Mr Liikanen on behalf of the Commission

(28 April 1999)

1. The Commission currently employs 285 Austrian citizens as officials or temporary staff paid from the operational and shared-cost research budgets.
2. Their distribution by Directorate-General appears in the table which is being sent direct to the Honourable Member and to Parliament's Secretariat.
3. As the summary at the end of that table shows, there are 125 A, 57 B, 57 C and 8 D officials. There are also 16 LA officials.
4. For the purposes of comparison, the number of Finnish and Swedish officials, also broken down by category, is given in the same table.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-0802/99
by Gerhard Hager (NI) to the Commission

(6 April 1999)

Subject: EU buildings

Varying information appears from time to time in the press about the buildings owned by the EU institutions.

I should therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. Which buildings in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg are in the sole ownership of the EU institutions or the Commission?
2. What is the value of these buildings (broken down by individual building)?
3. Which buildings are partly owned by the EU?
4. What is the value of these buildings and what is the EU's share in their ownership?
5. By what contractual arrangements has the EU obtained the use of additional buildings which are not in the ownership of the EU but in which EU institutions' offices are situated?