



Procedure file

Basic information	
IMM - Members' immunity	2015/2014(IMM)
Request for the waiver of the immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux	Procedure completed
Subject	8.40.01.03 Members' immunity

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs	 HAUTALA Heidi	20/01/2015

Key events			
06/05/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
11/05/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A8-0152/2015	Summary
19/05/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/05/2015	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0192/2015	Summary
19/05/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2015/2014(IMM)
Procedure type	IMM - Members' immunity
Procedure subtype	Waiver of immunity
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 6
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/8/02600

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A8-0152/2015	11/05/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0192/2015	19/05/2015	EP	Summary

Request for the waiver of the immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux

The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report by Heidi HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI) and recommended that Parliament waive the immunity of Jérôme LAVRILLEUX (EPP, FR).

Members recalled that the Chief Prosecutor at the Paris Court of Appeal has requested the waiver of immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux, Member of the European Parliament, in connection with an ongoing judicial investigation into charges of forgery, use of forged documents, breach of trust, attempted fraud and complicity in and concealment of those offences, illegal financing of an election campaign and concealment of and complicity in that offence.

More specifically, Jérôme Lavrilleux is suspected of having taken part in a system of false invoicing for campaign expenditure. The French judges would like, in this context, to take a custodial or semi-custodial measure against Jérôme Lavrilleux.

Given that the alleged charges are not related to the position of Jérôme Lavrilleux as a Member of the European Parliament and arise from his former position as a deputy campaign director in the last presidential election in France, Members considered that the prosecution does not concern opinions expressed or votes cast by Jérôme Lavrilleux as a Member of the European Parliament in the performance of his duties within the meaning of Article 8 of Protocol No 7 on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

Moreover, Parliament has found no evidence of *fumus persecutionis*, that is to say, a sufficiently serious and precise presumption that the proceedings were initiated with the intention of causing political damage to the Member.

Consequently, the Legal Affairs Committee recommended that Parliament waive the immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux.

Request for the waiver of the immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux

The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Jérôme LAVRILLEUX (EPP, FR).

Parliament recalled that the Chief Prosecutor at the Paris Court of Appeal has requested the waiver of immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux, Member of the European Parliament, in connection with an ongoing judicial investigation into charges of forgery, use of forged documents, breach of trust, attempted fraud and complicity in and concealment of those offences, illegal financing of an election campaign and concealment of and complicity in that offence.

Given that the alleged charges are not related to the position of Jérôme Lavrilleux as a Member of the European Parliament and arise from his former position as a deputy campaign director in the last presidential election in France, Parliament considered that the prosecution does not concern opinions expressed or votes cast by him as a Member of the European Parliament and that it has found no evidence of *fumus persecutionis*.

The European Parliament therefore waived the immunity of Jérôme Lavrilleux.