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Dear colleague,

your written question for the month of March with the work number 161:

“Does the Federal Government know whether Prof. Dr. Christian Drosten, as head of the Consultative Laboratory at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), was already aware in 2020 or earlier of the assessment by the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) that a laboratory accident in Wuhan is considered the likely origin of the coronavirus pandemic, and if so, when exactly did he receive this information, and in what context was it communicated to him?”

I respond as follows on behalf of the Federal Government:

The subject of the question concerns information that has a particularly significant impact on the national interest and therefore cannot be answered, even in classified form. The German Parliament’s constitutionally guaranteed right to ask questions and receive information from the Federal Government is limited by constitutionally protected interests, which include, in particular, considerations of the national interest.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a response here due to the sensitive nature of the Federal Government’s responsibilities regarding international cooperation aimed at ensuring effective national and constitutional security. This does not imply any judgment as to whether the facts you have described are accurate or not.

Best regards,

Sarah Ryglewski