

**Question for written answer E-014853/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission task force on state-aid investigations

Can the Commission confirm the Reuters report (30 October 2015)¹ which claims that the Task Force on Tax Planning Practices is made up mostly of young officials with limited experience of corporate taxation. Seven of them left university in the past decade and only two have experience of challenging big companies on their income tax bills'?

If so, how does the Commission envisage upgrading its human resources for state-aid investigations linked to tax planning?

Can the Commission provide further details about the structure of the task force, the investigative approaches used, its expertise and the number of personnel employed?

¹ <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/30/europe-taxavoidance-idUSL8N12T64720151030#pxwJbKcKjDDjHX3P.97>