

**Question for written answer E-015293/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: TTIP negotiations and big business

A Guardian article of 26 November 2015 following the release of some documents under access to documents laws¹, reveals a very close relationship between the Commission and big business.

How does the Commission explain the far-reaching influence that was offered to Exxon Mobil, Business Europe and others?

Can the Commission explain to Parliament why some businesses have such a privileged position in the TTIP negotiations, even greater than Parliament itself, which is responsible for the democratic scrutiny of this agreement?

This revelation shows that the transparency of the TTIP negotiations is not yet sufficient, since the influence of big business was not known by Parliament.

What will the Commission do to further ensure the greatest possible transparency in which all stakeholders are informed equally?

¹ <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/26/ttip-talks-eu-alleged-to-have-given-exxonmobil-access-to-confidential-papers>