

Question for written answer E-015382/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Conflict of interest involving TTIP negotiators

According to information published by the British newspaper *The Guardian*, senior Commission officials have called in a private company, the American oil corporation ExxonMobil, to help draw up the 'energy' chapter of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

This is a further example, following the LuxLeaks scandal, in which Members of the European Parliament and, most seriously of all, the public at large have found out through press reports that there has been collusion between the economic interests of big business and a public authority, in this case the Commission.

In addition, ExxonMobil has apparently been asked to ensure that the free import of American crude oil and shale gas is covered as comprehensively as possible by the TTIP.

1. Has the Commission in fact sought the assistance of ExxonMobil or any other private company in connection with the TTIP negotiations?
2. If so, can it say why it is taking such radically different attitudes to economic interests on the one hand and citizens or their representatives on the other?