

**Question for written answer E-015229/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Unrestricted access to the personal data of European drivers

While constant technological progress and the increasing use of the Internet do much to provide fresh opportunities for European citizens and make their lives easier, the lack of rules and restrictions also mean that the personal data of thousands of users are in danger of being misused¹. This is giving rise to concerns about what additional activities may be taking place while vehicles are accessing Internet.²

According to a survey by the International Automobile Federation, vehicle manufacturers, in cooperation with telecommunications companies, are collecting data regarding drivers' behaviour and destinations on the pretext that such information is necessary for safety reasons or for the compilation of statistics³. If agreements can be concluded with companies for the provision of data regardless of or against consumers' wishes, this is a clear infringement of their personal freedoms.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the extent to which companies are able to access the personal data of European drivers?
2. Now that EU personal data protection provisions are being reviewed, has the necessary action been taken to contain the risks arising from such agreements between automobile manufacturers and telecommunications companies?

¹ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2535674/Your-CAR-spying-New-report-finds-automakers-collect-data-drivers-travel-habits-used-steal-identity.html>

² <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/digital/consumer-groups-expose-manufacturers-collecting-data-connected-cars-319755>

³ http://www.fiaregion1.com/en/fia_region_1/news/fia-my-car-my-data.htm