

**Question for written answer E-006896/2014  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Development assistance and political parties in Nigeria

Wikileaks has published a note from the US Embassy in which it was stated that Atiku Abubakar, the former Vice-President of Nigeria and current member of the All Progressives Congress (APC), had received money from al-Qaeda to destabilise the south of the country. Another important APC member, Femi Fani-Kayode, had reportedly turned his back on the party in July. He had announced his resignation in an English-language Nigerian newspaper, stating that the party had been infiltrated by Boko Haram sympathisers.

In addition, in 2001, the former Nigerian head of state and APC presidential candidate, Muhammadu Buhari, who is probably the most important member of the APC, was quoted in *The Guardian* as supporting the adoption of Sharia law across the whole of Nigeria, even in the predominantly Christian south.

1. Does the Commission have a breakdown of development aid funds given to Nigeria, with total amounts, recipients and details of where the money was ultimately spent?
2. What monitoring arrangements exist and how is it ensured that the assistance money is not misappropriated as a result of the alleged contacts between the APC and Boko Haram?
3. What is the specific job of the EU Election Observer for Nigeria? Could it be expanded to include reporting on Boko Haram's possible ties to political parties and organisations?