

**Question for written answer E-007836/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Attempt by Amsterdam to sweep under the carpet OLAF inquiry into dishonest practices by a mosque

According to *De Telegraaf*, citing an article in *De Groene Amsterdammer*, the municipality of Amsterdam has asked the European Anti-Fraud Office, OLAF, to halt an inquiry into fraud in connection with the subsidy for the construction of a shared mosque complex in the Amsterdam East submunicipality.

It was already known that, when applying for the subsidy, Amsterdam East submunicipal authority had deliberately concealed the fact that the money was intended for the construction of Islamic places of worship. Now it has come to light that the municipality of Amsterdam subsequently asked OLAF to halt its inquiry into fraud in the subsidy application. According to an anonymous source in Brussels, OLAF was 'shocked' by the municipality's request.

When the subsidy application was made, it was not indicated that the money was to be used to build a shared mosque complex, because in all probability Brussels would then have refused to provide any money.

1. What will the Commission and/or OLAF do to step up this inquiry, so as to bring the full facts to light?
2. When will the Commission and/or OLAF ask this mosque suspected of fraud to refund the EUR 1.4 m subsidy which was awarded without due justification?
3. What action will the Commission and/or OLAF take to detect fraud in similar situations?