

**Question for written answer E-008934/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tax havens in the European Union: Luxembourg

Commissioner Šemeta has said that EUR 1 000 million escape taxation every year due to tax evasion and avoidance. A recent investigation by the ICIJ has revealed that under Mr Juncker's command the Luxembourg Government offered a secret *a la carte* tax regime to over three hundred multinational corporations, such as Pepsi, Apple and Ikea, among many others. Attracted by the extremely low tax rates offered by the Luxembourg Government between 2002 and 2010, when Mr Juncker was Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy, these companies ceased paying thousands of millions of euros in tax in other EU countries.

1. Will the Commission carry out an investigation into the possible breaches of EU tax policies that may have occurred in this particular case?
2. Does the Commission propose to strengthen EU monitoring policies to combat tax dumping?
3. Does the Commission propose to make EU policies against tax fraud and tax evasion more effective?