

**Question for written answer E-009667/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Passenger Name Records and data protection

In the conclusions issued following the extraordinary summit held on 31 August 2014, the Heads of State and Government called on the Council and the European Parliament to establish a European register of PNRs (Passenger Name Records) for air passengers. The Commission plans to retain PNR information for at least five years.

1. What conclusions does the Commission draw from the 'Statement on the ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union' issued on 1 August 2014 by the Working Party on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data (Article 29 Working Party), according to which no form of unwarranted bulk retention of data should be undertaken ('... national data retention laws and practices should ensure that there is no bulk retention of all kinds of data'), support for which can also be found in Section 5.2.2.2 (Legal Considerations) of the DG HOME Final Report of 16 June 2014?
2. With what other institutions and organisations does the Commission share the data it collects, and how does the Commission ensure that this data is handled appropriately (especially as regards Five Eyes, no-fly lists, etc.)?