

**Question for written answer E-010527/2014
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Situation in Hungary: increase in tax on advertising revenue

The Hungarian Government is continuing its efforts to stifle press freedom. Following the introduction of a tax on advertising revenue targeting the RTL group, which is known for its politically neutral stance, the Commission undertook to conduct a sector inquiry in order to determine whether RTL was the subject of indirect discrimination. Despite the fact that a Commission inquiry is in progress, the Hungarian Parliament has now voted to increase the top rate of this tax from 40% to 50%. The new rate will enter into force on 1 January 2015.

1. The inquiry has therefore taken on a new urgency and the findings need to be known as soon as possible. What stage has been reached in the inquiry?
2. Is the Commission aware of the above increase, and has it taken it into account in its inquiry?