

**Question for written answer E-010593/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Precise definition of the function of data protection agent in the context of the Passenger Name Record (PNR) Directive

With some 3 000 Europeans having left to join the jihad in Syria and Iraq, there is a greater need than ever before for an efficient, European-level system for transferring data on European travellers from PNRs as part of the fight against terrorism.

Though I consider respect of the right to privacy to be important, I also know that security is of great concern to European citizens. I am therefore disappointed at the results of the vote in Parliament on 25 November, which will delay the conclusion of an agreement with Canada and which sends a worrying signal to our international partners.

This should encourage us to redouble our efforts to resolve this situation in order to pave the way for the swift adoption of the directive setting up a PNR system in the EU.

On 3 December, Commissioner Avramopoulos proposed creating a data protection agent in response to the concerns of Parliament, which sees a threat to the right to privacy.

I would therefore like to have some details of precisely what this function entails and to know whether the European Data Protection Supervisor could take on the role.