

**Question for written answer E-002605/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Progress in relation to the inquiry report on the role and operations of the Troika

In response to the criticism of the European Central Bank and its role within the Troika voiced in the media and in the European Parliament from 2013 onwards, an inquiry report on this topic drafted by rapporteurs Othmar Karas and Liem Hoang Ngoc was published on 28 February 2014 (see 2013/2277(INI)). It was sparked by the concern expressed by some Members of the European Parliament that the Troika may have had too strong an influence on crisis countries, particularly in relation to a lack of democratic legitimacy and a conflict of interest within the ECB as provider of funds, administrator, negotiator and supervisory body.

1. Has action been taken in response to the request made in paragraph 54 of the inquiry report (2013/2277(INI)), namely 'that potential ECB conflicts of interest, especially as regards crucial liquidity policy, are carefully scrutinised'?
2. What conclusions have been reached as a result of this scrutiny?
3. Has the ECB's role, described as 'not sufficiently defined' in paragraph 55 of the inquiry report (2013/2277(INI)), now been redefined?