

**Question for written answer E-004373/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: McDonalds' tax avoidance

There is a lot of evidence to suggest that the fast food restaurant chain McDonald's has got away with paying around one billion less in tax than it otherwise should have done. This is because the chain has used the 'Luxembourg dodge', exploiting this loophole to avoid tax payments.

I am currently working with other members of the Parliament to investigate the 'LuxLeaks' case with the aim of getting all available information on the table.

1. Will the Commission investigate the extent to which the method of using the very low tax rates in Luxembourg contravenes the EU's competition rules?
2. Will the Commission take the initiative to investigate how many EU enterprises and countries are involved in similar tax avoidance?
3. Will the Commission take steps to impose penalties on Luxembourg and other Member States which contravene the EU's competition rules?