

**Question for written answer E-011490/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: National audit authorities' audit powers in connection with bank supervision

According to a letter from the President of the Austrian Court of Auditors, Dr Josef Moser, there are differences in the way checks are carried out on the bank supervision arrangements established at European level. With regard to bank supervision, the Single Supervisory Mechanism Regulation did not clearly apportion audit powers between the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and the European Central Bank (ECB). According to Dr Moser, there is a risk that audit powers will be restricted.

1. Does the Commission regard the current ECA-ECB shareout of audit powers in connection with bank supervision as sufficient?
2. On what grounds have banking union audit powers not been conferred on the ECA in their entirety?
3. What conditions must be met for a 'significant' bank to be inspected by supervisors, and how is 'significant' defined in this context?