

**Question for written answer E-012089/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Supervision of bureaux de change

A report from the financial police in Denmark shows that legal bureaux de change are being used by criminals to launder money generated by criminal activities. In May 2015 a Copenhagen bureau de change was charged with laundering DKK 266 million deriving from activities including the sale of marijuana.

I am surprised that the EU seems to take no interest in the clear lack of European legislation in this area, while at the same time it is seeking to create greater transparency surrounding, and supervision of, European banking, including via the exchange of information on bank accounts between Member States with a view to preventing tax evasion.

Does the Commission agree that there is a need for increased supervision of bureaux de change, including an exchange of information between the Member States?

Will the Commission take the initiative of drawing up the necessary legislation?