

**Question for written answer E-012171/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Partial disclosure of correspondence between the Commission and other parties vs
privacy

With reference to the reply from the Secretary-General of the Commission to Corporate Europe Observatory's confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – Ref Gestdem 2015/1635 (Commission reference SG.B.4/CJ/ps - sg.dsg2.b.4(2015) 3844446), in which the Commission defends, in point 2.4, the withholding of the names, email addresses and functions of Commission civil servants, on the grounds that disclosure would undermine the protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual, under Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, pursuant to Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data, could the Commission explain in what respect these civil servant rights are, or may be, impinged by disclosing their identities and functions in the course of correspondence with specific stakeholders – the nature and purpose of which have been withheld by claiming other grounds under Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 – as opposed to their disclosure in organisational charts made publicly available online by the Commission, which include, for instance, heads of unit whose identity and functions can thus be ascertained?