

**Question for written answer E-012494/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: British American Tobacco

In a recent response to a freedom of information request by Corporate Europe Observatory, seeking to find 'all correspondence between DG Trade and the tobacco industry' between January 2014 to March 2015, the Commission produced a 14-page document in which almost all of the text had been redacted.

This document was an altered letter written by British American Tobacco, and there was very little information that was left readable.

Given the health risks of tobacco, it is seriously disturbing that such details about the trade in tobacco products are being treated with such secrecy. Is this indicative of the Commission's commitment to transparency and accountability?