

**Question for written answer E-013214/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Emissions test rigging

According to the German newspaper Die Welt, the European Commission, the German Federal Government and Germany knew about the rigging of emissions tests by the car manufacturer Volkswagen.

On 28 July, in response to this article, the party Bündnisgrüne asked the German transport ministry about the government's current initiatives to combat manipulation in the car industry. Specifically, it mentioned the widespread practice of reducing the engine power and performance and thus the emissions the vehicles could record when tested.

Can the Commission confirm that it knew about this manipulation?

What will the consequences be for the people responsible in the Commission?

What has the Commission done to speed up the introduction of new and more reliable test methods by 2017 in the light of the scandal?