

**Question for written answer E-013930/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Breaches of the Code of Conduct

What view does the Commission take of the utility and effectiveness of the Joint Transparency Register, given that the secretariat's decision has shown that businesses can breach the code of conduct<sup>1</sup> and have been able to carry out their lobbying activities while supplying false information?

Does the Commission agree that this complaint shows that it is necessary to alter the Procedure for Alerts and Complaints so as to create a genuine penalty for businesses which enter false information in the register, even if they subsequently correct it? When can such an alteration be expected?

What monitoring will the Commission introduce in order to ensure that errors in the Joint Transparency Register not only come to light retrospectively thanks to tip-offs and complaints but can also be tackled in advance or at least at an earlier stage?

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<sup>1</sup> TR-C-2015-10, TR-C-2015-11, TR-C-2015-12, TR-C-2015-13, TR-C-2015-14.