

**Question for written answer E-014497/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Influence of the banking industry over the ECB's policy

1. Is the Commission aware of the article in the Financial Times of 3 November 2015 (ECB officials met bankers before big policy moves) which indicates that some of the most senior ECB decision-makers met bankers shortly before taking important policy decisions – sometimes just a few hours before the decisions were taken?
2. What will the Commission do to prevent the ECB's policy from being one-sidedly influenced by the banking industry?
3. Will the Commission call for an inquiry in order to clarify exactly what influence the banking industry has brought to bear on all the major ECB policy decisions taken in the past three years?