

**Question for written answer E-000889/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Franz Obermayr (ENF)

Subject: EU anti-trust complaint against McDonald's

According to media reports (online edition of *Kleine Zeitung*, 12.1.2016), consumer protection organisations are submitting an anti-trust complaint against McDonald's. It is claimed that the world's largest burger chain is abusing its dominant market position in Europe and harming franchisees and consumers. The Commission is being urged to intervene and force McDonald's to end these unfair practices. McDonald's may already be in trouble over tax rulings agreed with the Luxembourg authorities. The investigation findings submitted by the Commission in December stated that the fast-food giant had profited from illegal advantages. These had enabled McDonald's to pay no corporation tax in Luxembourg despite recording large profits.

1. Is the Commission aware of the above?
2. What steps will it take to put an end to these unfair practices?
3. Is it true that McDonald's did not have to pay any corporation tax despite recording large profits – or is there any evidence to the contrary?