

**Question for written answer E-002740/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Checking security personnel and external employees at EU Institutions

In connection with the Islamic terrorist attacks on 22 March 2016, it was revealed that a security technician of Moroccan background at a Belgian nuclear power station in 2014 turned out to be a rabid Islamist. The man was an external employee. Likewise on 22 March this year, nuclear power station personnel were sent home, as external personnel in particular were seen to pose a potential security threat. Thus the Belgian authorities did not trust their own previous personnel security checks. Internal personnel, e.g. security personnel, at EU institutions should give rise to the same concerns to counter terrorism coming from within.

What is the Commission's position on external personnel and on security personnel at the EU institutions? Is the Commission going to perform new security checks of personnel?

If so, will the Commission check the personnel from 'risk areas' more thoroughly than the Belgian authorities have done?

Does the Commission have confidence in the Belgian authorities' handling of the terrorist threat?