

**Question for written answer E-005493/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Sanctions against Spanish football clubs

The Commission has officially announced today, 4 July 2016, a series of sanctions against Spanish football clubs for having received state aid which, it claims, is against EU law.

This announcement is not news. The *Financial Times*¹ wrote last Friday that the Commission would officially be making the decision public today.

It is somewhat irresponsible for an official decision by the Commission to have been leaked in the press last Friday.

Does the Commission think it is normal for its official decisions to be leaked and announced in advance through the media?

Is the Commission considering launching an investigation into how a decision could have been leaked to the press days before its official announcement?

¹ <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/750e14a2-3f94-11e6-9f2c-36b487ebd80a.html#axzz4DSvT51ol>