

**Question for written answer E-005817/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: European Parliament to scrutinise Julian King

The British Ambassador to France, Julian King, has been nominated by David Cameron to replace Jonathan Hill, who resigned after the result of the 23 June 2016 referendum in the UK.

Commission spokesperson Margaritis Schinas has suggested that the new Commissioner will be receiving a portfolio, amidst suggestions that he would become a 'Commissioner without portfolio'. If by the time this question is answered Mr King has been assigned a portfolio, will the Commission make sure that he is given an appropriate hearing by Parliament? In the event that he does not receive a portfolio, what arrangements will be made regarding Parliament and his hearing?