

**Question for written answer E-007562/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Commission safeguards against leaks of its official decisions to the media

On 9 September 2016 Parliament received Commissioner Georgieva's reply to written question E-005493/2016. The Commissioner states that the Commission 'does not comment on its internal investigations and on (alleged) leakages of information ...'

It is surprising, to say the least, for the Commission to side-step in this way its obligation to reply to the democratically elected representatives of the European Parliament and submit to Parliament's oversight.

Given that the question was what did the Commission intend to do to stop its staff leaking official decisions to the media,

Does the Commission consider that it is under no obligation to submit to the scrutiny of Parliament?

Does it not think that for the media to be aware of such decisions days before they are officially announced is a serious problem?