

**Question for written answer E-007580/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The Neelie Kroes case

Five months after the 'Panama Papers', further confidential documents about the murky world of tax havens have been brought to light through the 'Bahamas Leaks'. One of the offshore companies uncovered is Mint Holdings Limited. Managed by Neelie Kroes during the time she was European Commissioner for Competition (2004-2009), its existence was obviously not declared to the Brussels authorities in the declaration of interests she completed on taking up her post.

Will the Commission now introduce checks before appointing commissioners?

Does it plan to check how honest the declarations of current Members of the College are?

Under the European Code of Conduct, if any Member of the Commission is guilty of 'serious misconduct' the Court of Justice of the European Union may deprive him/her of his/her right to a pension or other benefits in its stead, if the Commission or the Council so suggest.

Does the Commission envisage requesting this?