

**Question for written answer E-000034/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: President of the Commission in favour of tax evasion

According to an article in the Guardian, Luxembourg has long sought to impede the introduction of measures aimed at combating tax avoidance and tax evasion. In the code of conduct group on business taxation, at a time when this was headed up by Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourg blocked proposals seeking to limit sweetheart tax deals and investigations into hybrid loans (often used by parent companies to hide or transfer their profits).

What is more, since the LuxLeaks affair came to light revealing the special tax arrangements put in place by Luxembourg, 172 further sweetheart deals have been agreed. And finally the fact that legal proceedings have been opened against the LuxLeaks whistle-blowers appears to confirm the theory that not only does Luxembourg look kindly on tax evasion but it actually helps to organise it.

1. Can the Commission cast any light on the positions taken by Luxembourg in the 'business taxation' group?
2. Can the Commission ask Luxembourg to refrain from entering into tax deals with multinationals looking to avoid paying taxes?