

**Question for written answer E-003691/2017/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: OLAF investigation into Commissioner Arias Cañete

Prior to his appointment as commissioner, Parliament held a hearing for Miguel Arias Cañete, at which he declared that he was free of conflicts of interest in respect of any company. Despite being rejected by minority groups, his appointment was ultimately approved by a majority of the Chamber.

In July 2016, Commissioner Arias Cañete appeared before Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs to make a declaration regarding an account with the Rinconada Investments Group, which appeared in the 'Panama Papers', and to which his wife was an authorised signatory. In the hearing, the Commissioner claimed he was married with a separation of estate.

However, on 31 May 2017 it was revealed that OLAF was investigating Commissioner Arias Cañete as a result of this bank account in Panama.

1. Has the Commission received any new information that could cast doubt on Commissioner Arias Cañete's compliance with the code of conduct for commissioners?
2. In the event that an investigation into this takes place, will Commissioner Arias Cañete appear once again before a full Chamber and the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) to explain the facts of the case?