

**Question for written answer E-001990/2018/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Receipt of Spanish pension

According to the online newspaper *EUobserver*, Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete is receiving both a special pension as a former MEP and his salary as a Commissioner.

It is believed that Commissioner Arias Cañete is also in receipt of a Spanish pension.

1. Can the Commission say whether Commissioner Cañete is receiving a Spanish pension?
2. Given that the Commissioner's declaration of interests makes no mention of this pension, is the Commission considering introducing arrangements to monitor Commissioners' sources of income and ensure transparency?

Under the scheme for former MEPs, of which Mr Arias Cañete is a member, pensions can be drawn from the age of 63. Mr Arias Cañete was Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Environment in Spain when he turned 63.