

**Question for written answer E-003451/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - commercial links to funders of terrorist networks

In recent years, there have been repeated reports about individual states in the Near East and the Arabian peninsula supporting Islamist terrorist networks. In this context, time and time again, countries such as Turkey, Iran and Qatar are mentioned in public reporting.

- 1) With regard to funding which enters Europe to finance terrorist networks, does the EEAS have information – particularly concerning potential business investments – which can provide a conclusive overview of influences relevant for the financial markets?
- 2) What knowledge does the EEAS possess concerning the proportion of countries which finance the terror networks of Islamist organisations?
- 3) What is the EEAS' appraisal of the extent to which states from the aforementioned region financially support European branches of Islamist terror networks, and the level at which this occurs?