

**Question for written answer E-004407/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Penalties imposed on multinationals by the Commission

Since the start of her term of office, Commissioner Vestager has been making determined efforts to combat illegal state aid.

As a result, penalties have been imposed on a number of multinationals with the aim of making an example of them.

In 2016, Apple was ordered to pay more than EUR 13 billion to Ireland in compensation for taxes that went unpaid under the terms of concessions subsequently deemed illegal.

In 2017, the Commission ruled that Luxembourg had granted Amazon unfair tax concessions amounting to roughly EUR 250 million and that this sum should be recovered.

In 2015, Luxembourg had already been reprimanded over illegal aid to Fiat, and Starbucks was subject to similar penalties in the Netherlands.

In the wake of these revelations, however, there has been no news of any appeals or of unpaid tax bills being settled.

1. Have the companies concerned appealed to the Commission?
2. Have any unpaid tax bills already been settled?