

**Question for written answer P-008892/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Alleged secret tax agreements between Luxembourg and multinational corporations

An investigation conducted by the *International Consortium of Investigative Journalists*, the findings of which have been published in several European newspapers, points to the existence of numerous secret tax deals (in the form of 'comfort letters', 548 of which are said to have been issued between 2002 and 2010) made by Luxembourg authorities with hundreds of corporations seeking favourable tax treatment.

In the light of this, what urgent steps does the Commission intend to take:

1. to shed full light on the above events and take any necessary measures without delay?
2. to verify whether the Luxembourg tax system and the tax practices outlined in the investigation are fully compatible with EU regulations?
3. to determine, as soon as possible, what impact the above practices had on the functioning of the internal market over the above period and, in particular, whether EU competition and State aid rules were infringed?