

**Question for written answer P-012161/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Planned Parenthood scandal

The publication of undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress, which is accusing the huge US organisation Planned Parenthood of being involved in a widespread trade in babies' organs and tissues, has quite rightly triggered a wave of controversy.

A large number of US states have opened investigations into the issue, and it is to be hoped that full light will soon be shed on this sordid affair. Planned Parenthood is being accused of selling aborted foetal tissue (the organisation itself claims that what is involved is 'voluntary donations' with reimbursement of costs), including from partial-birth abortions, which are banned under US federal law.

A bill – the Defund Planned Parenthood Act – has already been introduced in the US Senate with a view to cutting off federal funding to the abortion clinics until such time as full light has been shed on the matter, and a number of states are taking similar action. However, Planned Parenthood's operations are not confined solely to the United States, where the organisation was set up, but extend worldwide, including to Europe, through the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) network.

1. Has the Commission looked into this matter?
2. If it has not, how can it justify not having done so, given the nature of the allegations?