

**Question for written answer P-013673/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Checks on cars made by American manufacturers

During the discussion in the ENVI Committee meeting of 23 September 2015 on the 'defeat devices' used in some Volkswagen diesel engines, the Commission undertook to 'get to the bottom of the matter'.

Will the Commission's inquiry on the matter:

1. seek to establish whether the American NSA was involved in industrial espionage against European carmakers, and seek to identify what information was obtained?
2. involve systematic checks on the pollution emissions of diesel engines that are made by American car manufacturers and used in vehicles sold in the EU, which should comply with the same standards that apply for European manufacturers?