

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3021/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Services offered in exchange for votes

Tania Derveaux, the leading candidate of the NEE party in the Belgian Senate elections to be held on 10 June, has offered sexual 'services' in exchange for votes to anybody who asks on her website.

The buying of votes is an illegal practice in the EU Member States and may affect the outcome of the election.

Offering sexual favours in exchange for votes is alien to any political programme and encourages immoral behaviour.

Can the Commission say:

1. whether it is aware of this kind of election propaganda;
2. what steps it will take to intervene and punish Ms Derveaux's deplorable behaviour and thus prevent further instances of such behaviour?