

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1507/08
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to the Council

Subject: Lisbon Treaty - Article 12 - Role of the national parliaments

Is it possible for the national parliaments to have access to the legislative documents of the approximately 300 Council working groups in which most EU rules are in practice decided on?

How can they ensure compliance with the relevant principles, given that a legislative proposal can be blocked by only 55% of the governments on the grounds that the principle of subsidiarity has not been respected?

Is it possible for the national parliaments to have access to all working documents and sets of minutes relating to the Intergovernmental Conference on the Treaty of Lisbon?