WRITTEN QUESTION E-6960/08 by Glenn Bedingfield (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Right of privacy for individuals

It has become known that in Malta personal and confidential data of individuals seeking help from ministries and government departments is being shared with the party in government. An e-mail from the Secretary-General of the Nationalist Party (the party in government) to Government Ministers and customer care officials in Ministries and copied to the Prime Minister and high officials in his Secretariat clearly indicates that a network has been set up between the Government and the party in government to ensure the efficient sharing of the data. Is the Commission not of the opinion that this sharing of confidential data goes against individuals' right to privacy?