

**Question for written answer E-010481/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Nick Griffin (NI)

Subject: Commission Staff Mark 3

Thank you for your reply (E8697/10EN). The Commission claims that it 'does not agree that there is a history of staff being disciplined for whistleblowing' in that institution and that no bona fide whistleblower has ever been disciplined by the Commission.

Would the Commission therefore kindly explain why Marta Andreasen, the Commission's Chief Accountant, was dismissed in 2004 after she was suspended for disloyalty and breach of trust?

In August 2002 Marta Andreasen sent an internal letter to Commission President, Romano Prodi, expressing her concerns about failures in the accounting system. She later went public and was suspended.

In 2004, Chris Heaton-Harris, MEP, said her sacking was a 'vindictive move from a failed Commission. All Marta Andreasen did was perform her job properly. She informed Commissioner Neil Kinnock and his colleagues of her concerns, yet Kinnock's response was to suspend her and now sack her. The Commission has again persecuted another whistleblower whose only crime was to stand up and raise concerns on the EU's accounting procedures.'

Does the Commission not concur that an independent observer would conclude that an employee who continuously raises her concerns about public money and is then dismissed, creates a condition of fear amongst fellow employees and calls into question the issue of the integrity and trust of the employer? That is especially the true in the instance of the Commission, given the absence of a clean set of accounts for well over ten years.