

**Question for written answer E-002417/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Expedited preservation and targeted collection of traffic data

A study of German police statistics¹, published by the Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung on 26 January 2011, finds that telecommunications data retention as required by Directive 2006/24/EC² is ineffective in the prosecution of serious crime. It also constitutes invasive surveillance of the population.

Will the Commission consider repealing EU data retention requirements in favour of a system of expedited preservation and targeted collection of traffic data, as agreed in the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime?

¹ http://www.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/images/data_retention_effectiveness_report_2011-01-26.pdf

² OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 54.