

**Question for written answer E-002542/2012**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
**Timothy Kirkhope (ECR)**

Subject: VP/HR - The situation in Zimbabwe subsequent to the lifting of sanctions, update on Marange Diamonds and on EU funding for agriculture

The lifting of sanctions in Zimbabwe offers scope for progress in the area and will allow for greater dialogue between international actors and members of the Zimbabwean government. What will ensure that such progress leads to true electoral and governmental reform in the country?

Can the Commission confirm that as part of the 'enhanced cooperation' that Baroness Ashton mentioned in relation to Zimbabwe on 17 February 2012, attention will also be given to issues such as the misuse of funds by Marange Diamonds and the siphoning off of EU funds from agricultural programmes for personal gain, practices which, according to the Zimbabwean Minister of Finance Tendai Biti and as reported by small-scale farmers and villagers, are ongoing?