

**Question for written answer E-005469/2012  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Al-Shabaab has a terrorist cell in the Netherlands

Mohamed Farah al-Ansari, former commander of the Somalian terrorist movement Al-Shabaab, has said that Al-Shabaab has trained members of the Somalian diaspora as 'sleeper cells' to prepare for terrorist actions in the Netherlands, Great Britain and the United States.

1. Is the Commission familiar with the report 'Al-Shabaab has a terrorist cell in the Netherlands'?<sup>1</sup>
2. Does the Commission agree with the Dutch Freedom Party (PVV) that such terrorists do not belong in the Netherlands or even in the EU? If so, what is the Commission currently doing? What does the Commission intend to do in order to prevent such terrorists from being able to enter the EU? Can the Commission explain how such terrorists have been able to enter the EU?
3. Does the Commission have further information concerning how many Islamic terrorists are within the EU?
4. Somalia has received EUR 215.8 million from the European Development Fund<sup>2</sup>. Is the Commission prepared to stop all EU development funding for Somalia immediately? If not, why not?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://nos.nl/artikel/377525-alshabaab-heeft-terreurcel-in-nl.html>

<sup>2</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/somalia/somalia\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/somalia/somalia_en.htm)