

**Question for written answer E-011195/2013
to the Council**

Rule 117

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Subject: Disrespect of the Council of the European Union on the part of the Commission

On Wednesday 25 September 2013, during the debate on the eCall legislative package¹ in the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection of the European Parliament the Commission representative concluded his speech with the following statement:

‘As to the Council, for once the Council is sleeping, so I think it is a fantastic opportunity also for this House on a subject that comes from this House to give the direction and hopefully a positive direction’.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Council aware of this statement?
2. Did representatives of the Council attend the above-mentioned IMCO meeting?
3. Does the Council have an opinion on this statement?
4. Does the Council agree that the statement by the Commission disregards interinstitutional courtesy and disrespects the Council’s role as co-legislator?
5. What action does the Council plan to take?

¹ Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall [COM(2013)0315]; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system and amending Directive 2007/46/EC [COM(2013)0316].