

**Question for written answer E-011196/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Lack of interinstitutional respect 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’.

1. In light of the above, can the Commission confirm that this statement reflects its stance on the issue?
2. If so, does the Commission not agree that its representative fully disregarded interinstitutional courtesy, while disrespecting the role of the Council as the co-legislative authority alongside Parliament?
3. If not, can the Commission dismiss its representative’s statement? What action will the Commission take in this regard? Will the official be subject to the appropriate disciplinary measures?

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].