

**Question for written answer E-012612/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Surveillance of EU political leaders

The surveillance of political leaders (including EU politicians) by the US special services has received a great deal of media coverage in the EU. It has been claimed that EU offices both in the US and at the UN were bugged, as well as meetings of the European Council and the Council of Ministers. In July 2013 the European Commission undertook an inquiry into this issue.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the scale of US surveillance of EU institutions?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the threat posed by this type of surveillance?
3. Has the Commission arranged for a professional security audit to be carried out in connection with possible surveillance activities?
4. If so, what is the Commission's assessment of the scale of US surveillance?
5. Is the Commission working on procedures to protect the EU institutions against surveillance by third countries?