

**Question for written answer E-001018/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: System for stopping cars remotely

On 30 January 2014, the British newspaper The Telegraph reported that the European Union was secretly working on a system which would enable the police to stop cars remotely¹.

1. Is the Commission aware of the report 'EU has secret plan for police to remote stop cars'²?
2. Is the Commission in any way – directly or indirectly – involved in thinking, planning, policy formulation or drafting of legislation about systems for remote manipulation, driving or control of motor vehicles? If so, can the Commission list all the initiatives in this field?
3. If the answer to question 2 is negative, is the Commission aware of thinking, planning, policy formulation or drafting of legislation about systems for remote manipulation, driving or control of motor vehicles by or on behalf of other EU institutions or organisations? If so, can it list the initiatives and the organisations concerned? If not, does this mean that the Commission is suggesting that the report is not based on facts?
4. If developments are under way with the aim of remotely manipulating, driving or controlling motor vehicles, are these in any way – procedurally or technically – linked to eCall, which is also under development?
5. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that such devices would constitute a gross violation of privacy, and that, through its association with them, the EU would be taking big strides along a very Orwellian road? If not, why not?
6. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that COSI should not meet behind closed doors but that all EU citizens should have free access to all of its meetings and documents?
7. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that COSI is an extremely undemocratic body, for example because it decides its own remit, is not scrutinised by elected representatives and is never called to account?
8. When financing COSI, did the Commission know about the above plans?

¹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/10605328/EU-has-secret-plan-for-police-to-remote-stop-cars.html>

² <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/01/uk-fights-eu-speed-limit-devices>