

Question for written answer E-007474/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Bahamas Leaks and sanctions against Neelie Kroes

After José Manuel Barroso's 'modest' reconversion at Goldman Sachs, there seems to be no end to the news coming from Brussels about former commissioners. The name of Neelie Kroes, the former competition Commissioner, has turned up in the context of the 'Bahamas Leaks'. Between 2000 and 2009, when she was responsible for monitoring the business world, Ms Kroes was co-director of an offshore company registered in the Bahamas, a position which she failed to declare. Her company was apparently involved in carrying out transactions in the energy sector, in the liberalisation of which Ms Kroes played an active role during her term.

It goes without saying that while in office Commissioners must not hold any other position.

1. What penalties does the Commission plan to impose on current and former Commissioners who fail to disclose an activity (paid or unpaid) from which, under the code of conduct, they are prohibited?
2. What penalties does the Commission intend to impose on Ms Kroes?
3. How does the Commission plan to change its code of conduct to prevent such cases in future?