

**Question for written answer P-006615/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Max Andersson (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Vested and conflicting interests in climate policy

Clear evidence has emerged demonstrating a need to distinguish between non-state actors whose interests are fully aligned with the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, and those whose interests irreconcilably diverge.

Mr Cañete previously replied that the Commission was not considering a policy on vested interests in the UNFCCC.

Since then, Parliament has adopted a resolution on COP23, whereof paragraph 23 states that Parliament: 'Welcomes the inclusiveness of the UNFCCC's process; considers that ensuring effective participation requires that the issue of vested or conflicting interests be addressed; in this context, calls for all participants in the process to put in place guidelines or procedures that enhance openness, transparency and inclusiveness without compromising the aims and objectives of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement'.

Given this clear message, what does the Commission propose to do to address this issue at COP23?

Given the evidence available and the clear mandate from Parliament, has the Commission changed its position on introducing a policy to protect climate policymaking from conflicting interests, drawing on global precedents, such as Article 5(3) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?