

**Question for written answer E-002538/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protection of EU citizens' right to privacy

In its Digital Rights Ireland judgment, the CJEU stated that the general and indiscriminate retention of communication data is a breach of the rights to privacy and data protection.

What is more, the CJEU has ruled in a number of its decisions – specifically the Prokuratuur and La Quadrature du Net cases – that citizens' communications data can only be accessed under strict proportionality and legality conditions established in the ePrivacy Directive.

The Commission's 'Impact assessment on retention of data by service providers for criminal proceedings' initiative, which is currently under public consultation, and the high-level group on access to data for effective law enforcement have raised serious concerns among EU citizens about the safeguarding of rights and freedoms in the European Union, such as privacy, data protection and civil liberties.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to submit any legislative proposal that involves general and indiscriminate retention of communication data at EU level?
2. Does the Commission intend to submit any legislative proposal to amend the ePrivacy Directive to change the conditions for accessing citizens' communication data?

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