

**Priority question for written answer P-002992/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: British Virgin Islands and anti-money laundering

Recent news articles¹ have reported that more than GBP 6 billion in suspicious funds were used by companies registered in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) to buy property in London. The often suspicious nature of the funds is highly problematic, as is the impact they have on the London property market. A mutual evaluation report by the Financial Action Task Force on the BVI was published in February 2024.

We therefore ask the Commission:

Does the Commission plan, and if so by when, to put the BVI on the list of non-EU countries that have strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering / countering the financing of terrorism regimes, in accordance with Article 9 of the Anti-money Laundering Directive, given these revealing reports and the recent assessment by the Financial Action Task Force?

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¹ <https://www.ft.com/content/7fcd0f7a-d034-427f-81c0-9df8955e3d08?segmentId=bf7fa2fd-67ee-cdfa-8261-b2a3edbfd916>.