Question for written answer P-011663/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Transparency Register: membership of Commission groups

At the beginning of 2015, the Commission and the European Parliament published a revised version of the Transparency Register. Organisations listed in the register must now be more specific about how many persons they employ for lobbying activities and whether and where they are members of Commission advisory bodies or European Parliament forums. Organisations that were already registered were given three months to update their details.

Can the Commission provide further information about how many people in total are employed for lobbying by the organisations listed in the Transparency Register and state the total amount spent by these organisations on lobbying at EU level?

Is the Commission aware of organisations that claim not to be represented in any Commission body, although they are listed as members in the 'Register of Commission Expert Groups'? How does the Commission deal with organisations that fail to disclose relevant information?

How many experts representing the interests of an interest group in a given policy area are active in their personal capacity or as individuals in the Commission Expert Groups? Why are these persons not attributed to the organisations for which they work?