

Personal and public answer to the letter.

Dear Mr. De Masi,

Coming back to your letter and the related questions, I would like to provide you the following answers:

I hereby confirm that I handed out to Mr. Juncker on April 1997 a public version and a personal version of my report. The personal version contains one page more than the public one, related to tax ruling.

We discussed the content of the public report but probably Mr. Juncker could not remember that I also spoke briefly about the specific page in the personal version.

I also can confirm that it was my own decision to take out the mentioned page; the government and Mr. Juncker never asked me to do so.

My decision was based on the fact that I did not find it appropriate to launch an international discussion on tax rulings during our presidency. We, as Luxembourg government, had the intention to move forward on cooperation with tax matters during our presidency and my remark would have possibly damaged the Prime Minister's action.

Tax ruling was far from being illegal, but I was not aware of the dimension it finally got in the course of time. My recommendation was to monitor this practice.

After the hearing at the European Parliament, I gave once again a version of the personal report to Mr. Juncker, as obviously he did not have any more this version.

It is not up to me to disclose this version.

Best regards

Jeannot Krecké