

## FORM FOR TABLING A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK according to rule 131**

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SUBJECT:  
(please specify) Consequences and effects of economic spying against the ECB

## TEXT:

On June 29th 2014 German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported that the ECB at least partly works together with the US-company Verizon for its internet technique. Verizon is one of the key companies that guaranteed different secret services like NSA or GCHQ access to data while at the same time these companies are not allowed to speak about that.

Thus, I ask the ECB:

- 1) Will the ECB take any consequences regarding its contract with Verizon (for example ending the contract)?
- 2) In 2013 it was revealed that Verizon is forwarding all details of telephone-connections from its customers to the NSA. Therefore I ask you what kind of and how many contracts does the ECB have with Verizon or one of its subsidiaries in the internet and telecommunication field (please list separately)?
- 3) The whistle-blower Snowden has confirmed that the NSA uses secret service data for American economic interests (economic spying). What precautions have the ECB taken so far and will the ECB take in future to fight economic spying and does the ECB see any possible effects caused by economic spying on the efficiency of its monetary policy and on its task to supervise bank institutions?

Signature(s):

Date