

**Question for written answer E-003233/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Ukrainian Snipers

According to information from recent news based on a leaked phone call between VP / HR Catherine Ashton and the Estonian Minister for Foreign Affairs, there is evidence of the presence of snipers in Ukraine<sup>1</sup>.

During the call, the leaders talked about groups of provocateurs being in the country at the time of the protests who shot both protesters and the police. These groups are believed to have been part of the opposition (allegedly Maidan leaders). The new coalition government has announced that they will not conduct any investigation into the matter.

During the call, Ms Ashton mentioned the possibility of a potential investigation by the EU.

Has it been decided whether or not the EU will carry out an investigation? If so, can the Commission provide further details on the scope and nature of this investigation?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/mar/05/ukraine-bugged-call-catherine-ashton-urmas-paet>