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Subject: Own-initiative inquiry concerning whistleblowing (OI/1/2014/PMC)

Dear Ms O'Reilly,

By letter of 24 July 2014, you requested the European Parliament to provide you with information on its internal rules required by Article 22c of the Staff Regulations and any other useful information on the subject by 31 October 2014.

I regret very much to have to inform you that the Parliament is not yet in a position to give a final answer to this request.

The issue of whistleblowing was discussed at the last meeting of the Preparatory Committee for Matters relating to the Staff Regulations (CPQS) on 25 September 2014. At that meeting several representatives from the Institutions expressed the view that the question of the protection of whistle-blowers ought to be examined at inter-institutional level. Hence, the Committee agreed to set up a working group on this matter, whose work could take approximately four months.

Once the inter-institutional working group has concluded its work, you will receive further information on Parliament's position as regards the internal rules on whistleblowing.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Schulz