

To ask the Foreign Secretary:

**FCO impartiality**

1. What instructions have been given to his department's overseas missions in relation to recruiting foreign business and government support for the Remain position in the EU referendum?

**EU Budget:**

2. What assessment he has made, based on past trends, of whether the likely UK contribution to the EU will be significantly more or less than it is now in 10, 20 and 30 years' time if we vote to stay in the EU?

**Trade Deals**

3. What advice he has sought from the Swiss Government on how to conclude a trade deals with states such as Japan and China?
4. Does he believe the UK's EU membership helps or hinders the UK in striking trade deals?

*Note for follow up:* The United States has a trade deal with Costa Rica but not yet one with the EU so it seems that size is no impediment to striking trade deals with the USA but the EU/US TTIP negotiations are still ongoing.

**Turkey**

5. If he recognises the comments ascribed to him, in David Law's new book, 'Coalition' in which it is claimed he argued that Schengen visas should be valid in the UK, and if so does he believe that if Turkish citizens are given access to Schengen they should automatically have access to the UK?
6. Does he supports Turkish accession to the EU?

**UK Deal**

7. What assessment he has of the amount of EU law that is enforceable in the UK that will no longer be enforceable as a result of the Prime Minister's EU renegotiation?

**UK veto / no further reform?**

8. Whether the EU agreement of 18 and 19 February which committed the UK to "*facilitate such further deepening*" of the Eurozone and "*refrain from measures which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of economic and monetary union*" was what Francois Hollande was referring to when he said after the summit that the UK has "no right of veto over the Eurozone"?
9. Following the Prime Minister's EU agreement of 18 and 19 February if the Eurozone requires further Treaty change or policies in order to integrate can the UK still use a veto in order to secure further reform and the return of powers to the UK?

**European Presidential Elections**

10. What assessment has he made of the role of Spitzenkandidaten and the 2019 European Election in deciding the next president of the Commission?

*Note:* In 2014 the PM opposed the appointment of J-C Juncker, who claimed to have 'won' the European Elections and have a mandate from the European Parliament. Following this the PM was given a promise that the system would be reviewed.

11. What progress has the European Council has made on its commitment set out in its conclusions of 27 June 2014 to consider the process for the appointment of the President of the European Commission for the future?

#### **The Obama Visit:**

12. What discussions has he had with his US counterpart concerning the US President's forthcoming visit to the UK to make a speech advocating the UK electorate vote to remain in the EU and if his officials will have sight of his speech before he makes it?
13. Has he ever heard a US politician express a desire for the United States to join the EU or create a similar supra national organisation with legal supremacy and what his assessment of the US electorate of that would be?
14. What discussion he or his officials have had with the United States Intelligence agencies concerning the EU referendum and if he is aware of any work being undertaken by them aimed at influencing the outcome of the referendum?

#### **No 10 involvement in speeches**

15. How many times have foreign politicians consulted with his department or No 10 concerning the inclusion of references to the EU referendum or the Prime Minister's EU negotiations in proposed speeches?

*Note:* It has been reported that the Prime Minister's adviser Daniel Korski has told EU diplomats that they should not belittle David Cameron's deal and that "Number 10 should be consulted prior to any speeches or other big statements aimed at domestic audiences as they may have an impact on the U.K. debate, according to a source" <http://www.politico.eu/article/cameron-considers-how-to-woo-labour-uk-eu-referendum-date-june-23-brexite-united-kingdom/>

16. Whether his officials or officials in Number 10 had prior sight of the Duke of Cambridge's speech to diplomats in his department on 16 February 2016 or that of Her Majesty the Queen's speech at the German State Banquet of 24 June 2015 and if so was input if any did they make?

#### **Africa**

17. What assessment has the Minister made of effects of the Common Agricultural Policy on poverty in Africa and whether if the UK left the EU a fair UK trade policy could do more to help development African Agriculture?

*Note:* As James Dudridge MP has Africa as a responsibility and is for Out