

Dear Ms. Cann,

Thank you for your email.

You can find my reply below.

Yours sincerely,

Piia-Noora Kauppi

Dear Ms Kauppi

I work for an NGO called Corporate Europe Observatory which is a research and campaign group concerned with the access and influence enjoyed by corporations and their lobby groups in EU policy-making: <http://corporateeurope.org/>

I would like to ask you several questions about your move from the European Parliament to the Federation of Finnish Financial Services. It would be very useful to understand more about this from your side before we consider publishing an article on this issue.

I would appreciate receiving a response from you as soon as possible and before Friday 28 February.

1. What overlaps do you perceive in your work for the Federation of Finnish Financial Services (FFI) and your work as an MEP?

[There are no overlaps in my present duties with my past work as an MEP.](#)

2. When you started to work for the FFI were there any specific issues which you agreed that you would not work on because of the risk of conflicts of interest with your work as a former MEP?

[No, there was no need for this kind of agreements.](#)

3. Have you ever had contact (formally or informally) with the European Parliament, MEPs or their staff on behalf of the FFI? If so, what was the nature of these contacts, when did they occur and to what purpose?

[Of course there has been contacts. For example, I have been invited to EP to present the views of the FFI in parliamentary hearings. All these contacts are related to the current agenda of the European Parliament. However, there is a separate team in FFI whose main task is to coordinate our EU activities and also deal with EP matters. FFI is registered to the EP lobbyist register.](#)

4. Have you ever applied for a European Parliamentary lobbyist pass? If not, why not?

[No, I haven't. There has been no need for this. The fact that the FFI is a registered lobby](#)

organization is enough.

5. Do you ever use your rights as an ex-MEP to access the European Parliament for lobbying purposes ie. for the FFI or the European Banking Federation? If so, when and to what purpose?

When I visit physically the premises of the EP, I have always the invitation from the receiving MEP and they normally pick us from the entrance. I always make it absolutely clear to MEP's and other parliamentary employees who are the parties which I represent – be it FFI or EBF or any other organization (such as BusinessEurope etc.)

6. Did you claim the transitional allowance for MEPs when you left the European parliament? If so, how much did this amount to per month and for how many months?

No, I didn't.

7. How do you respond to concerns that your move from being an MEP to working for the FFI could provoke the risk, perception or actuality of conflicts of interest?

After I made the transition at the end of 2008, I have not thought about the matter.

8. Do you have any other comments to make about these issues?

No.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you very much for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Cann