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## [FA Angry at Bung-Claims by Gordon](#)

*The Football Association asks for Gordon's apologies concerning his recent statements about the bung industry in England*

The scandal inside English football - agents claiming bungs for footballers' transfers - very much affected the agents' image inside the Premiership. Because less than 20 agents involved in transfers' wrongdoings, all 289 such representatives in England have to suffer. As far as football fans are concerned, English agents are "the scum of the earth". And Colin Gordon was the first man to admit this, earlier this week. Steve McClaren's and Theo Walcott's agent stated that millions of euros have been the subject of illegal payments between clubs and agents. **"We're not talking about the £500,000 bungs, or the old brown paper envelope stuffed with a few notes. We're talking about millions upon millions. It is a very sophisticated business - it's cleverly disguised. If I buy a player from Eastern Europe and find he is valued at £2m by his club I say 'I can sell him for £5m in England'. The club gets £500,000 but the other £2.5m makes its way into a separate account"**, said Gordon, according to BBC News. He added: **"Since the Premiership began, I would estimate that tens of millions of pounds has gone out of the game this way. It's accepted abroad. We pretend we are holier than thou. But I've spoken to people over there and the English game is considered the 'dirty man of Europe'. We are the worst - and it shouldn't be accepted. I can't argue with the public seeing us as the scum of the earth"**. The statement came as a result of the "BBC Panorama" program that revealed the bungs paid and received by football agents, in order to facilitate a player's transfer. Among agents, there was also Sam Allardyce, manager of Bolton Wanderers. With the Football Association (FA) already announcing a complete investigation into this matter, the Premiership officials were very angry with Gordon's considerations and immediately asked the agent to issue public apologies on the matter. **"The Association is committed to ensuring that the integrity of football is preserved and has made it clear that corrupt practices by agents will not be tolerated. Gordon's claims were reckless and inappropriate but also potentially defamatory. We will contact Mr Gordon to seek a retraction and apology"**, read a statement from the FA.