

**Question for written answer E-002278/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Nessa Childers (S&D)**

Subject: Services provided in the exercise of governmental authority

How does the Commission define the concept of 'services provided in the exercise of governmental authority', for the purposes of legal interpretation of international trade provisions envisaged or currently under negotiation?

Does the Commission believe that the concept excludes any service which is supplied neither on a commercial basis nor in competition with one or more service suppliers?

Could it further indicate whether, in the context of its current international trade negotiation mandates, it is discussing provisions which differ in scope from those set out in Article I(3) of the General Agreement on Trade in Services?