

**Question for written answer E-002280/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Nessa Childers (S&D)**

Subject: Public service provision takeover versus trade in services

Could the Commission indicate whether it is currently negotiating – or envisages negotiating – any safeguards in respect of international trade in services agreements so as to allow for the reversal of liberalisation decisions with regard to sectors concerned with the provision of essential services to the general population, at national and sub-national level, in a manner that does not discriminate between foreign and domestic service providers, irrespective of the nature of the commitments made in such agreements?