

**Question for written answer E-005007/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Contracts worth millions for the arms manufacturer Instalaza and its affiliates linked to the Spanish Minister of Defence: breach of Directive 2009/81/EC

Since Morenés was appointed Minister of Defence in December 2011, his Ministry has signed 32 contracts with Instalaza and affiliated companies, with whom the Minister was closely associated – he was a director and agent of the company until just two months before joining the government.

Information exists to the effect that, of the many contracts allocated to Instalaza, at least two were 'hand-picked' without competition and were worth over EUR three million, which exceeds the thresholds set by Directive 2009/81/EC on public procurement in the fields of defence and security.

Apart from the necessary investigation that a prosecuting authority with real independence should initiate into possible cases of bribery and misconduct, the unacceptable normalisation of 'revolving doors' for members of the Spanish Government, and the Minister's clear conflict of interest,

does the Commission intend to investigate these contracts with respect to the possible breach in any of their terms of applicable EU rules on public/private procurement (Directives 2004/18/EC and 2004/17/EC) and, in general, of Directive 2009/81/EC?

Does the Commission have detailed information on these contracts or does it intend to request it from the Spanish Government?

Can the Commission provide such information?