Question for written answer E-009765/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Charles Tannock (ECR)

Subject: Europe Aid Contract No 134051-C-SER-MULTI

The aforementioned contract of EUR 4.25 million was awarded with the stated aim of being to 'deepen the political, economic and cultural relationships of the EU with India and SAARC on account of the Union's strategic interest in promoting those relationships and for making the EU more relevant as a global actor in all areas covered by the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) strategy with Asia and other relevant key EU strategies that have also an external action dimension'.

With this in mind:

- What were the main areas of expenditure in the first 18 months of this contract and what is the breakdown of expenditure per category (please provide details of each category)?
- To what extent is the Commission satisfied that these main areas of expenditure were in line with the aims of the contract?
- To what extent is the Commission satisfied that the expenditure concerned satisfies EU requirements with regard to transparency, traceability and the appropriate use of EU taxpayers' funds?

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