

**Question for written answer E-010670/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violations in Spanish airports

Complaints have been raised against a number of serious irregularities in Spain in connection with the allocation and compliance checking of flight time slots in coordinated Spanish airports.

The Commission previously warned that Spanish Government that AENA could not act as time slot coordinator/provider as it holds a direct interest in the civil aviation market. The Government consequently launched a competition procedure for the post of Time Slot Coordinator, which was won by an organisation (AECFA) that in our view is incapable of conducting its business in a neutral, non-discriminatory, transparent manner as it has a working relationship with the interested parties (AENA and several operators) – contrary to the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 – liable to result in flight programming violations that could affect flight safety.

Is the Commission aware of any complaints of this nature?

What checks is it able to carry out into this issue, especially as regards whether the Spanish Government is ignoring complaints about irregularities that could affect flight safety?