

**Question for written answer E-001914/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: New irregular public procurement contracts for companies associated with the Spanish Defence Minister

As stated in question E-005007/2015 'Contracts worth millions for the arms manufacturer Instalaza and its affiliates linked to the Spanish Minister of Defence: breach of Directive 2009/81/EC', irregular public procurement contracts are being granted to companies closely associated with the current serving Spanish Defence Minister, Pedro Morenés.

Contracts worth EUR 37 million have also been awarded to the Segur group, headed by Morenés before he took up his post.

Once again, these new contracts are being awarded using irregular procurement mechanisms, either through a restricted procedure, which enables authorities to select the companies able to tender, or through an unpublished negotiated procedure, whereby contracts are awarded without a tender.

Please answer the following questions, bearing in mind that in her answer to question E-005007/2015, Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska said that it would 'duly analyse (any) more detailed information' that:

Will the Commission be launching an investigation into the possibility that EU legislation on public procurement (Directives 2004/18/EC and 2004/17/EC) and, in general, the provisions of Directive 2009/81/EC are continuously being breached?

Will the Commission be requesting detailed information from the Spanish Government to 'duly' analyse these breaches?