

**Question for written answer E-003818/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Stepping up security at airports

Following the terrorist attacks in Europe, the Member States realise there is a need to step up security at airports. Many different solutions have been suggested, the common feature among them being the major additional cost they represent, both for the authorities (with the mobilisation of police and security forces) and for the airports themselves. For Charleroi Airport in Belgium, for example, this means an extra €250 000 per month, purely in terms of the direct costs that the airport has to pay. This could pose a risk to the airport's profitability. Financial issues cannot be allowed to reduce the high level of security that is required in order to protect members of the public.

Given that combating terrorism is a matter that cannot be addressed by the Member States in isolation, is the Commission intending to take action to help airports put anti-terrorism measures in place?

In order to support authorities that are investing in the security of their transport infrastructure, is the Commission intending to leave such investment out of its deficit calculations?