

**Question for written answer E-006512/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Translation services in EU agencies

The EU agencies are spending huge amounts of taxpayers' money on hiring translators through translation agencies. These translation agencies are charging ten times more than individual translators would if they were hired directly by the EU.

Does the Commission consider the current practice acceptable?

If not, is it preparing a change to the system that would make it possible for EU agencies working with migrants to hire translators directly?