

**Question for written answer E-007658/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Single Market Information Tool (SMIT)

In its impact assessment on the proposal for COM(2017) 257 – Single Market information Tool (SMIT) - the Commission states that the interested parties were often slow to provide sensitive information voluntarily in their responses to the public consultation. Despite the fact that the Commission carries out a considerable number of consultations every year, the impact assessment for the SMIT included only three examples (one from 2009, one from 2014 and one recently) backing up the claim that the public consultations do not provide sufficient information in terms of cost data.

Could the Commission quantify the percentage of consultations where such information was requested and where market participants refused to provide it?

In its impact assessment for the SMIT, the Commission also states that the need for SMIT applies not only to sector-specific situations, such as enforcement of the rules on public procurement in the public service sector (water, power, transport and postal services), but also enforcement of the rules on public concessions.

As in the case of the other examples mentioned by the Commission, it seems there is a specific challenge with regard to the rules which allow market participants to request exemptions without specifying the provision of sufficient information to justify such requests.

Would it not be sensible to introduce such a requirement into the legal regulation in question during a subsequent revision, as was the case with the introduction of the SMIT?