

**Question for written answer E-004710/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU fraud investigations

The EU fraud investigation process used to involve a sifting phase that generated prima facie non-cases and as a result set out threshold limits where fraud cases under a certain value were weeded out for non-pursuit.

Can the Commission please supply a copy of the current guidelines relating to the process and methodology behind the sifting, prioritisation and non-pursuit of cases put before OLAF or otherwise encountered by anti-fraud elements and desks otherwise associated with combating corruption? What thresholds of claimed loss currently have to be met, by area of expenditure, for an investigation to be authorised and pursued?