

**Question for written answer P-004185/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Surrender of passports at hotels

There are reports of tourists encountering problems, particularly in the countries which have acceded to the EU most recently, because they are required to hand in their passports when checking into a hotel. They are compelled to surrender the documents and can only retrieve them the morning after, which readily lends itself to crime. It would be better if their passports were returned immediately after check-in.

1. Is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. Can the Commission indicate what approach should be adopted to it when exercising freedom of movement within the EU?
3. Can the Commission indicate what approach should be adopted to it from the point of view of fighting crime?
4. Can the Commission indicate whether any measures have been taken?