

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2095/02

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to the Commission

Subject: Multiple framework contracts for translation services

1. Can the Commission confirm that the conclusion of multiple framework contracts for translation services is fully justified in the light of (a) the impossibility of determining any but the most general aspects of the service required at the moment of award of the contracts (specifically neither volume nor deadline can be specified) and (b) the urgency with which the service is required and that, in the case of translation services, multiple framework contracts do not constitute an exception but are accepted as the norm?
2. Can the Commission confirm that, given the legal framework, there are no legal grounds to prevent authorising officers managing multiple framework contracts for translation services from operating a system of on-going assessment of the quality of service actually offered during the contract period, with the ranking of contractors being adjusted to reflect the actual quality, subject to announcement (in accordance with Article 98a (3)(b) and (4) of the Implementing Rules for the Financial Regulation) of the intention to operate such a system in the contract notice, tender specification and framework contract?