

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0853/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Buying BSE tests in Poland

In the last few weeks, the Polish press has published a large number of articles on irregularities in and the excessive duration of the tender procedure for the purchase of BSE detection tests through the General Veterinary Inspectorate. This has given rise to a great number of doubts among tenderers, the authorities and the general public. Yesterday, the "Puls Biznesu" published an article calling into question the transparency of both the tender procedure and its outcome.

Will the Commission examine the above article, which I have forwarded, and clarify the misgivings and doubts it has raised?

This situation places in an ambiguous light certain EU institutions, which, as an MEP, I also represent. I am the only Member from Poland who is a veterinarian and a member of the Committee on Agriculture representing the PSE Group, I may have to face questions from the press and the electorate on this subject. Will the Commission, therefore, examine and clarify the speculation and insinuations contained in this article.