

**Question for written answer E-005198/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding for the 116000 number and EU-wide implementation

In Ireland the telephone number 116000 was recently allocated to the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC) as a hotline for missing children. The ISPCC has recently applied to the Commission for funding in order to ensure that this important service becomes operational without delay.

- Can the Commission comment on the status of this application for funding?
- Given that the deadline for implementation of this service by Member States passed in May 2011, can the Commission provide information on the status of this number in each of the 27 Member States?
- As International Missing Children's Day is approaching on 25 May, can the Commission outline what measures it will take to ensure that this service becomes widely operational without further delay?