

**Question for written answer E-008641/2013/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Protection of personal data

On 23 February 2012, Portugal adopted Law No 9 on the protection of personal data and the installation of surveillance cameras on public roads. This law means that National Data Protection Commission (CNPD) opinions are no longer binding and that the institution is only required to issue a preliminary opinion. The law establishes a 60-day deadline for receiving authorisation applications, after which time the Minister for the Interior will consider the opinion positive and may act at his or her discretion.

1. In light of current negotiations on the Data Protection Package, does the Commission consider it right that the Minister for the Interior should be able to implement decisions on these matters without a positive opinion from the CNPD?
2. How can surveillance cameras be installed in places where there is no real risk of crime in such a way that the fundamental right to the protection of personal data of citizens travelling on public roads is respected?
3. Does the Commission consider the installation of surveillance cameras in places where there is no real risk of crime to be an abuse of authority and lack of regard for data quality?