

**Question for written answer E-000415/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Extension of contracts to subsidiary companies and public procurement

Could the Commission clarify the circumstances under which a subsidiary of a publicly owned company can directly contract external consultant services on the grounds that it is merely extending currently existing contracts between such consultants and its parent company, further to competitive tender procedures?

Could the Commission further indicate whether there is a maximum threshold in contract values for such extension purposes?