

**Question for written answer E-003150/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Jim Higgins (PPE)**

Subject: General public procurement issues - Directive 2004/18 EU

Could the Commission confirm that the acquisition of services, within Schedule II B of the Directive, for a pecuniary interest within the thresholds by a contracting authority from a company, does not fall outside the scope of the Directive simply because it did not enter into a contract concluded in writing?