

**Question for written answer E-002932/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Airport statute for Swissport staff

At the beginning of July 2019, trade unions representing the staff of the baggage handler Swissport organised a work-to-rule at Brussels airport. Swissport has been short of staff for some time. The work-to-rule was organised after negotiations between trade unions representing Swissport staff and management had failed. Although the unions have reached an agreement with management under which all staff are supposed to be given full-time contracts after five years, there are employees with 75% contracts. They are asked to do overtime, which is not strictly speaking permitted. In addition, this is creating serious instability and precarious contractual terms for employees.

1. What is the Commission's view of the possibility of adopting an airport statute under which the same terms of employment would apply to all staff, with a view to achieving greater stability and high-quality working conditions for employees?
2. On the basis of the fundamental economic freedoms and the Services Directive, service providers should be subject to hardly any market access requirements, or none at all. Free market access can be restricted only on public-interest grounds. Restrictions can only be 'necessary, justified and proportionate'. Does the Commission believe that adopting an airport statute would have an impact on free market access, and can it substantiate its view?
3. Could a proportionality assessment in connection with the new regulation of occupations hamper or prevent such an airport statute?

