

**Question for written answer E-004148/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Surveillance equipment on Frontex aircraft

In their latest call for tenders, the Frontex Aerial Surveillance Service (FASS) stated that extra points could be awarded if the chartered aircraft were equipped for mobile and satellite phone localisation. This specification was also listed as an option for Frontex drone services, but the agency maintains that the currently deployed 'Heron 1' does not carry such equipment.

1. What surveillance equipment, produced by which manufacturers, is currently on board the aircraft chartered by Frontex under their contracts with EASP Air BV, Scotty Group Austria GmbH, 2Excel Aviation Ltd, ISR Support Europe BV and DEA Aviation?
2. Which companies included mobile and satellite phone location equipment in their tender, and precisely what equipment, made by which manufacturers, did they specify?
3. When will Frontex begin employing the Elbit 'Hermes 900' drone and what surveillance equipment will it have on board?