

**Question for written answer E-000695/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: La Poste subcontractor Stuart Delivery: undeclared work and missing social security contributions

Postal services have undergone major changes over the last few decades. The liberalisation and privatisation of the delivery sector has led to the proliferation of subcontracting at the expense of the delivery drivers' working conditions.

On 12 January 2023, Stuart Delivery, a subsidiary of the French state-owned group La Poste, was fined EUR 50 000 by a court in Paris for illegal labour-leasing. La Poste is the number one delivery company for parcels weighing under 30 kg in Europe. It is present in 49 countries.

With that in mind:

1. Can the Commission say whether, in updating the directives on postal services and the future of the universal service obligation, it intends to reiterate the ban on subcontracting for tasks which fall well within the company's remit?
2. How does the Commission plan to end the depletion of social security contributions that goes hand in hand with the use of the aforementioned subcontracting practices?
3. In using subcontractors and facilitating undeclared work, La Poste is creating unfair competition for law-abiding companies. How will the Commission ensure compliance with competition law?

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