

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0821/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Payments by airlines for security officers on flights since 11 September

Since 11 September various airlines in the EU have employed on-board security officers in order to make flying safer for passengers. Airlines have also been required to adopt extra security measures on the ground. In some countries airlines have had to meet the extra costs themselves, which means that ultimately these have to be passed on to their customers. However, in France and Germany for example the State has been reimbursing such expenditure.

Is protecting the security of the public the task of the national authorities, and ought they therefore to pay for extra security measures on board aircraft?

If so, how will the Commission draw the attention of the Member States to their public responsibility?  
If not, why not?