

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1724/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Contracts between the Commission and companies owned by Mr Ojo, such as Eurogramme Limited, Eurogramme Limited (succursale), Eurogramme Sarl and Calethon Holdings SA

Commission services have, to date, signed more than 70 contracts with different companies belonging to a Mr Ojo. The first contract was signed in 1996 with Eurogramme Limited (UK), despite the fact that the company gave false financial information (confirmed by an internal audit report and OLAF). Eurostat has subsequently signed another 52 contracts with Eurogramme Limited.

In 1997, Mr Ojo created Eurogramme Limited (succursale) in Luxembourg, of which the legal base parent company is registered in the UK. This company was closed down in 2002. In May 2001, Mr Ojo created a new company in Luxembourg, Eurogramme sarl. However, in 2003, the parent company in the UK transferred its stockholding in the Luxembourg entity (Eurogramme Sarl.) to Calethon Holdings SA (former My-Fal S.A.).

Against the background of this confusing situation, Eurostat apparently suspended all payments in February 2003 to Eurogramme and Calethon and has undertaken not to sign any new contracts with these companies.

- Are all payments for the contracts between Eurostat and companies owned by Mr Ojo still suspended? If not, why not?
- Have other Commission DGs suspended all payments to these companies? If not, why not?
- Which contracts does the Commission currently have with any of the companies referred to above (including contracts that should have ended but in respect of which the final payment has still not been made)? Please specify the contract number, the contracting company (according to the original contract), and the amount still to be paid.
- How much money does the Commission still owe Eurogramme Limited?
- Does not the Commission agree that, since contracts have been concluded with Eurogramme Limited (UK), payments should be made only to Eurogramme Limited (UK)?