

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3092/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Aviation security

Following serious breaches of security practice at Birmingham International Airport in the UK, I am advised that even if the company providing security screening services lost the contract through its mis-management, then staff directly employed by the company (even if they contributed to the security breach) would need to be taken into employment by a successor company under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employees) Regulations, which were a direct result of the EU Acquired Rights Directive.

Given that the area of aviation security represents an area of known terrorist threat, will the Commission undertake to exempt employees of companies directly involved in security operations from being covered by these regulations so as not to have to prove gross negligence before action to dismiss the employee concerned is taken?