WRITTEN QUESTION P-3083/10 by Joe Higgins (GUE/NGL) to the Commission

Subject: Operation of Icross charity which received EU grants

Has the Commission at any time received complaints about the activities and methods of operation of a charity called Icross, to which a total of €213 000 in EU grants was awarded in the 1990s?

Was the Commission aware of allegations that funds were misappropriated at this charity for improper uses and unethical methods used by a manager of the charity in Kenya?

Has the Commission at any time carried out an investigation into the work of this charity?

Will it review the EU's relationship with this charity in view of current allegations in the newspaper, 'The Irish Mail on Sunday', which have shown, according to the High Court in Ireland, a reasonable basis for its claims that a libel action against it on the basis of these allegations would not succeed?

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