

**Priority question for written answer P-001378/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Excessive public procurement fees paid to Bpost

Several Belgian newspapers have reported in recent days about excessive fees being to Bpost, the Belgian postal company, for carrying out various public contracts, such as the management of accounts held by the state for the payment of fines and VAT that is due (so-called 679 accounts). Some of these contracts were allegedly awarded privately and the Commission was not notified of the fact that payment was made from the state's coffers.

1. Can the Commission confirm that it was not notified of said aid?
2. If no notification was given, will the Commission open an investigation into Bposts contracts with the Belgian State?

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