

Question for written answer E-003892/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Procurement of external legal counsel by EU institutions, bodies and agencies

Following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the procurement of external legal counsel by EU institutions, bodies and agencies remains a significant area of public expenditure.

With reference to contracts awarded for external legal advice, representation and consultancy services between 2021 and the present:

1. What is the total monetary value and percentage share of legal services contracts awarded by the Commission (and EU executive agencies) to UK-based or UK-headquartered law firms, compared to firms headquartered within EU Member States?
2. Can the Commission provide a detailed breakdown, by year and by Member State, of the total expenditure and number of contracts awarded to legal service providers domiciled within the EU?
3. What specific criteria, framework agreements, or public procurement provisions govern the engagement of law firms established in non-EU countries versus firms established within EU Member State jurisdictions?

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