

**Question for written answer E-015738/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Airline security

In an age of continuing globalisation and ever increasing competition, it is appropriate to ask what are the limits to our search for profit. This problem is increasingly apparent in air transport as the number of low-cost carriers increases. Passengers are on these planes for several hours or more, often cramped and experiencing significant discomfort and lower standards of service and security. In addition, the planes carry low fuel reserves, below the recommended levels, which allow them only to reach the first airport. This leaves little margin for error on the part of the pilots. The quality of the services provided by these carriers is thus open to question.

1. Must the reduced level of services provided by these carriers entail a potential danger to the health and lives of passengers?
2. Does the Commission not think it reasonable to introduce uniform rules requiring carriers to comply with certain norms (including fuel) and standards of service provision?
3. In the light of unfair competition among carriers, should EU citizens be allowed to choose cheaper but highly risky services?