

feeding include two one-hour breaks for returning mothers every day, plus another two half-hour breaks for breast-feeding per day if she has a second child. Overall, women could be entitled to three hours a day to feed children.

employers are doing whatever they can to make sure mothers can come back to work easier, but it is much better to allow individuals to find their own way of doing this rather than a top-down approach from Europe."

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US investigates EADS' Saudi deal

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EUROPEAN defence and aerospace giant EADS faces the prospect of US authorities joining the Serious Fraud Office in investigating alleged bribes it paid as part of a £2bn contract in Saudi Arabia.

The Sunday Telegraph understands US regulator, the Securities and Exchange Commission, is looking at evidence that suggests alleged bribes to a Cayman Island company were paid via a bank in New York for what was described as "bought in services". The payments are thought to amount to 16pc of the rolling value of the contract.

The movement of funds through the US mainland could bring the alleged wrong doing under US jurisdiction.

The allegations facing EADS bear remarkable similarity to those BAE had to deal with

relating to the Al Yamamah deal to sell fighter jets to the Saudis.

The SFO is understood to have been considering the evidence for some months. *The Sunday Telegraph* understands information has now been passed on to the Attorney General's office to gauge the appetite for pursuing what would inevitably be a highly political prosecution. There can be no certainty a prosecution would arise. The SFO has yet to launch a formal investigation.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said: "The Attorney is regularly updated on SFO business, but we cannot comment on whether or not any particular matter has been discussed."

EADS's contract, which is just one year into a 10-year term, is to supply a communications network for the Saudi National Guard. The SFO and EADS declined to comment.

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