

**Question for written answer E-005164/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

Edite Estrela (S&D), Vital Moreira (S&D), Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos (S&D), Elisa Ferreira (S&D), António Fernando Correia de Campos (S&D), Luís Paulo Alves (S&D) and Ana Gomes (S&D)

Subject: The Estaleiros Navais de Viana do Castelo, S.A. shipyard

After assessing the conformity of State aid measures for the Estaleiros Navais de Viana do Castelo, S.A. shipyard, with EU State aid rules, the Commission asked the Portuguese authorities to comment and to provide all relevant information.

The Commission sent a letter to the Portuguese authorities, inviting them to submit, within one month, all the explanations that could help in the final assessment of the compatibility of this State aid with the EU's common rules, which allow for rescue or restructuring aid.

1. Have the Portuguese authorities presented a justification for this kind of public funding in the framework of rescue or restructuring aid granted to firms in difficulty?
2. How will the procedure registered by the Commission under number SA.35546 (2012/CP) now proceed?