Question for written answer E-006080/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Johannes Cornelis van Baalen (ALDE)

Subject: Possible distortion of the market in Dutch premier league football by the NOS broadcaster

The Dutch public broadcaster NOS has recently bought for an undisclosed, but substantial, sum the rights to highlights from Dutch premier league football ('Studio Sport als aanjager van FOX: Eredivisie kiest voor commerciële publieke omroep NOS?' [Studio Sport, a spur to FOX: the Dutch premier league to opt for the NOS commercial public broadcaster?]).

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this deal?
- 2. The value of the above transaction has not been revealed. Does the Commission consider that, in the interests of market transparency, the total value of the transaction ought to be announced publicly?
- 3. Will the Commission investigate any complaints about unfair competition or distortion of the market by the Dutch public broadcaster?

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