Question for written answer E-006118/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Jutta Steinruck (S&D) and Norbert Neuser (S&D)

Subject: Flow of information to MEPs regarding the Zweibrücken airport state aid case

DG Competition is carrying out an investigation into state aid granted to Zweibrücken airport in Rheinland-Pfalz. On 24 July 2014, the Rhein-Zeitung newspaper reported on the expected decision by DG Competition that state aid is not allowed. Under the headline 'Zweibrücken airport: Langen wants an airfield, Steinruck wants new state aid rules', the paper states that 'according to Langen's information, seven transactions are considered unlawful, including direct aid for investment, annual financial injections and participation in Rheinland-Pfalz's financing pool...'. This information has not yet been made public.

As MEPs from Rheinland-Pfalz, the discussions and decisions in connection with the Zweibrücken airport state aid procedure are of great interest to us. The above press report indicates that MEP Werner Langen must have received detailed information from the Commission. How does the Commission explain the fact that one MEP was apparently targeted to receive internal information on the state aid procedure which was not simultaneously made available to other MEPs from the region concerned?

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