

**Question for written answer E-008093/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Bill Etheridge (NI)**

Subject: State aid rules and MG Rover

In 2005 MG Rover, which was a major employer in the West Midlands, was forced to go into administration and almost 6 000 people at the Longbridge plant were made redundant. This affected not only those who lost their jobs, but also the wider supply network, and has limited the employment prospects of people in the region today.

Can the Commission provide details of the State aid rules in force in 2005, and of any restrictions on assistance that could be provided by Member States?

Did the UK apply for any assistance?