

**Question for written answer E-008399/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Notification on government property lease in terms of state aid

Article 108(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) states that the Commission must be notified of state aid with a view to prior authorisation. If a Member State grants state aid in violation of this rule ('unlawful aid'), complaints may be lodged with the Commission or it may decide to investigate with a view to determining whether this aid is compatible with the state aid rules.

1. In this context, has the Commission been notified that the Maltese government has leased, at no charge, a large area of public land in Delimara to a private consortium building a new gas-fired power station in September 2014?
2. Does a temporary lease of government property to the private sector constitute a requirement for prior notification?