

**Question for written answer E-008869/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Nessa Childers (S&D)

Subject: Privatisation of water services

Should the citizens of Ireland decide via a referendum to insert the clause laid out below into the Irish Constitution, would this be in breach of the Lisbon Treaty and/or EU competition rules?

'The State shall treat drinking water as an essential resource and, in the interests of the common good, the State shall not provide for the privatisation or commercialisation of water services for the people.'