

**Question for written answer E-003097/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Liadh Ní Riada (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Public transport

Bus Éireann recently announced that they are going to significantly curtail bus services from next month. These bus routes provide a very valuable service to communities in non-urban areas. These bus routes also provide an excellent service for remote areas throughout Ireland.

Due to public anger, Bus Éireann has provisionally cancelled its plans to curtail bus services.

There is concern that the absence of State support in maintaining bus services will further disadvantage rural areas and leave many people isolated.

Could the Commission comment on the importance of public transport at regional and local level?

Does the Commission believe that public transport is a social amenity in remote areas, that its services should be supported, and that it should be defended when required?