

**Question for written answer P-001102/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Cartel formation between airlines flying to Madeira --- TAP and easyJet

In an interview published in the Portuguese newspaper *Jornal de Negócios* on 16 February 2017, Jorge Ponce de Leão, president of the Portuguese airport authority ANA – Aeroportos de Portugal, said that easyJet and TAP were operating a cartel on routes to Madeira and this was blocking the entry of new operators.

What steps will the Commission take to verify the substance of these statements, safeguard transparency in the competitive process in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, and guarantee fair and affordable ticket prices?