

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1683/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Vehicle inspection monopoly on Swedish market

AB Svensk bilprovning (the Swedish Motor-Vehicle Inspection Company) has a monopoly on vehicle testing in Sweden. As this monopoly is unable to keep pace with its commitments, both private and commercial vehicles are banned from the roads because they cannot be inspected within the deadlines. There is a waiting period of up to 79 days and road haulage firms lay off their workers. The solution would be competition but the Swedish Parliament has legislated against that.

Does the Commission consider that the Swedish monopoly is consistent with EU law?