WRITTEN QUESTION E-1095/05 by Christopher Huhne (ALDE) to the Commission

Subject: State aid

1. Will the Commission indicate whether any legislation exists which prevents one Member State from providing state aid for the industry of another?

2. Does the provision of a £7.2 million aid by one Member State - the UK - to another Member State - the Republic of Ireland - for the provision of navigational aids constitute a state aid? If so has it received clearance from the Commission?

3. Will the Commission investigate an infringement of the treaties and of EU legislation by a Member State with regard to the \pounds 7.2 million annual subsidy provided by the UK Government for the provision of navigational aids in the Republic of Ireland?