

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4430/05
by Peter Skinner (PSE)
to the Commission

Subject: Competition in the postal market

Please can the Commission comment on what is considered to be fair or unfair competition in relation to the opening up of the postal market.

A complaint has been raised concerning Postcomm, the UK postal services regulator, with regards to whether or not its fast-moving approach to liberalising the UK's postal services market is favouring private competitors and whether this may jeopardise its primary duty of ensuring a universal service obligation, regarded as a condition of postal service liberalisation.

The complainant highlights the introduction of the liberalisation process, three years in advance of any other EU country and the effect this might have in distorting market competition.