

**Question for written answer E-004366/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Hynek Fajmon (ECR)**

Subject: Compliance of the privatisation of Czech company OKD a.s. with EU law

According to information published last week and this week in the Czech media (*Mladá Fronta Dnes*), the privatisation of the Czech state-owned company OKD a.s. in 2004 and 2005 was carried out in a very questionable and non-transparent manner. The Czech police and public prosecutor's office have investigated the privatisation, and the Commission gave an opinion on the matter in 2005. The latest media reports show that the terms of the company's sale were extremely unfavourable for the state, and thus for the Czech Republic. The price paid reportedly did not include the prices of subsidiary companies, as these had not been evaluated by a certified auditor. The price ultimately paid for the state's share in OKD a.s. was therefore too low and did not reflect its market value.

1. Was the privatisation of OKD a.s. in 2004 and 2005 carried out in accordance with EU law?
2. Has the Commission investigated this case of privatisation? If so, what conclusions did it reach?
3. Is the privatisation of OKD a.s. for a non-market price not a case of unauthorised state support that has an impact on the entire European market?