

**Question for written answer E-002454/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Unlawful State aid in Malta

According to the *Times of Malta*, the US company Crane Currency, benefited from State aid when it established itself in Malta.

The Government of Malta and Malta Enterprise have officially refused to provide information on aid granted to Crane Currency, citing 'secret and confidential' reasons. Nevertheless, there is information pointing to the fact that, in addition to the incentive measures from which the undertaking has benefitted, the government has guaranteed most of its loans.

Moreover, Crane Currency will receive an interest subsidy of up to three per cent on the loan granted by the Bank of Valletta.

- 1) Are these State aids legal under EU competition law?
- 2) Has the Commission taken any initiative to investigate this matter?