EN E-000374/2022 Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager on behalf of the European Commission (9.3.2022)

- 1. Based on the information provided on the service voucher system in Belgium, the Commission is not in a position to pronounce itself on whether the system would constitute State aid in the meaning of Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU. In the case where the Member State has doubts on the aid character of a measure or on its compatibility with the internal market, it may search guidance from the Commission services. Ultimately, the responsibility to notify State aid measures to the Commission lies with the Member State, unless such measures benefit from an exemption from notification.
- 2. In view of the above, it is not possible to answer the second question.