

ORAL QUESTION H-0811/03  
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2004  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Niall Andrews  
to the Commission

Subject:           Appropriate use of ERDF funds

The sum of €5 255 536 in ERDF funding was received for a project involving the conversion of St Michael and St John's Church in Essex Street West, Temple Bar, Dublin 8 into cultural facilities in 1996/1997. The Viking Centre in the premises subsequently closed in February 2002 and the property has lain derelict since.

Is the Commission aware of this situation and if so, does it consider that this is an appropriate use of public funds from the ERDF? What action does the Commission propose to take vis-à-vis the public authorities concerned, to ensure that this property continues to be used for cultural activities as intended under the terms and conditions of the ERDF grant?

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