

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0195/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Danish Government sale of bus company Combust A/S

Is it the Commission's view that the Danish Government's sale of the bus company, Combust A/S, (officially announced on 15 January 2001) to the British-owned company Arriva was carried out in accordance with EU competition rules? Is it also the Commission's view that the Danish Government's undertaking, given as part of the related agreement, to provide a special grant of DKK 140 million for the purchaser – in addition to the DKK 300 million granted Combust A/S as aid in 1999 without EU notification – is consistent with the provisions of the Treaty on state aid?