

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1084/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Possible breach of the European Works Council Directive in respect to redundancies announced by FLS Aerospace

Will the Commission investigate and comment whether there has been a breach of the European Works Council Directive (94/45/EC¹) with respect to the announcement of up to 421 redundancies by FLS Aerospace at Stansted and Manchester in the United Kingdom on 16 January 2004, without apparent prior reference to their Works Council? Given the fact that EasyJet are reported to be subsidised by £16 400 to fly their aeroplanes to Dublin for maintenance instead, and given the apparent link to the subsequent acquisition of FLS Aerospace by SR Technics of Switzerland, could the Commission also investigate and comment on any possible breaches of European competition law?

¹ OJ L 254, 30.9.1994, p. 64.