WRITTEN QUESTION P-4082/06 by Peter Skinner (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Restrictions to Eurostar services to Ashford International Station

In view of the recent closures of, and reductions in, a number of key services running from Ashford International Station, including the service to Brussels, and in view of the support given to Eurostar and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) by the EU at the time of development of the fast-track service, can the Commission expand upon the commitments made by the relevant companies with regard to regional regeneration and services to train users in the South-East of England and Northern France? More specifically, can the Commission clarify the conditions attached to the funding originally allocated to the project?