Question for written answer P-001942/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ulla Tørnæs (ALDE)

Subject: EU support for the Fehmarn Belt tunnel

The Fehmarn Belt tunnel between Denmark and Germany is one of the key infrastructure projects in the EU and is part of the TEN-T programme. For that reason, it has been given the maximum rate of EU support: 50% for planning costs and 30% for activities brought forward.

On 7 January 2014 the Commission announced that up to EUR 5 billion would be set aside in the period from 2014 to 2020 for five priority projects, with the Fehmarn Belt tunnel being one of the two largest. There are reports, however, that the previous Commission's undertaking to provide support for the Fehmarn Belt tunnel is being withdrawn, with the project coming under the European Fund for Strategic Investments.

Can the Commission deny those reports and at the same time give an assurance that it does not intend calling into question the funding which the previous Commission undertook to provide for the Fehmarn Belt tunnel?

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