

**Question for written answer P-005824/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU state aid rules and social housing

Recently the Irish Government considered using a state agency, the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), to deliver social and affordable housing on behalf of the Irish state. It has been put forward that NAMA could be repurposed into a development agency to deliver new housing units.

Is there anything to indicate that such activity could involve EU competition law?

Given that NAMA's establishment was approved by the Commission, under EU state aid rules in 2010, would the Commission be required to examine any action to repurpose the agency as outlined above in line with EU state aid rules?

In any case, will the Commission undertake an examination of NAMA in the event that it is used to deliver social and affordable housing, to ensure that this activity is in compliance with EU state aid rules?