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Re: Your letter (QZ-138)

Honourable Member of the European Parliament, dear Mr Carthy,

Thank you for your letter, which was passed on to me by Mr Roberto Gualtieri, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 5 October 2015.

The prohibition on monetary financing is set out in Article 123 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and it does not refer to the actions of governments, but to those of central banks. As such, this provision is not relevant for the actions of the Irish Government to which you refer.

Finally, please note that under Article 108 TFEU it is the European Commission that is responsible for the assessment of State aid and whether it is compatible with the internal market, having regard to Article 107 TFEU. For that reason, the European Commission may be best placed to address your question.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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