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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-3003/97**  
**by Roberta Angelilli (NI) to the Commission**  
(1 October 1997)

*Subject:* Appeal by Assoedilizia against the sell-off of Italian State-owned property

According to the Italian press Assoedilizia recently wrote to the Commission calling for the annulment of Legislative Decree No 104 of 16 February 1996 and Law No 503 of 26 November 1995 concerning the sell-off of Italian State-owned property, the assets of social security offices and property investment funds.

Assoedilizia claims that these legislative provisions undermine both the value and profitability of property, creating a market parallel to the private market, run by the Italian State as a monopoly outside the rules of free competition safeguarded by the Community market.

In view of this can the Commission say:

1. whether it knows about the above-mentioned appeal;
2. whether in any case it knows about the events linked to the sale of public property;
3. what its opinion on the subject is?

**Answer given by Mr Van Miert on behalf of the Commission**  
(11 November 1997)

The Commission checked whether the communication of Assoedilizia was received, which was not the case. Therefore, the Commission does not have sufficient details of the matter to be able to investigate the problem raised and is not in a position to answer the question at the moment. It would ask the Honourable Member to provide more details.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-3032/97**  
**by Amedeo Amadeo (NI) to the Commission**  
(1 October 1997)

*Subject:* Community Environmental Law

In its communication 'Implementing Community environmental law' (COM(96) 0500 final – CES 455/97) the Commission takes the view that, since many parts of the Community are lagging behind in implementing the Community's environmental law, action to improve the current situation should be stepped up.

Its proposal to put forward recommendations for harmonizing the environmental inspection system with the support of IMPEL (Implementation Community Environmental Law) and the European Environment Agency is welcome.

Will the Commission beef up its own monitoring and inspection powers (Article 155 of the Treaty) by creating the machinery needed to help carry them out?

**Answer given by Mrs Bjerregaard on behalf of the Commission**  
(13 November 1997)

The proposal in the communication on implementing Community environmental law<sup>(1)</sup> stated that the inspection authorities in the Member States could produce and publish annual reports on the experience acquired during the carrying out of their inspection tasks, which themselves would be the subject of guidelines issued by the Commission. Work on the preparation of these minimum criteria has commenced with the involvement of the IMPEL network. Reporting on the performance of inspection authorities against these criteria will enable monitoring to occur. As the communication stated, 'further consideration would be given as to whether there might be a need for a limited Community body with auditing competencies' once experience with the minimum criteria has taken place.

<sup>(1)</sup> COM (96) 500 final, 22.10.96.