

**Question for written answer E-006439/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Land reclamation by Gibraltar on a site of Community interest

A number of questions were tabled during the last legislative term (E-007437/2013; E-007803/2012; E-004560 and E-0012441/2011) concerning various environmental hazards which could arise as a result of land reclamation work by Gibraltar in an area designated by the Commission as a 'site of Community interest' in Decision 2009/95 of 12 December 1995 (ES6120032). To protect this area the Spanish Government also designated it a 'Special conservation area' in Royal Decree 1620/2012. Ecology associations in the area have complained to the Commission that this land reclamation work could be causing irreparable ecological damage.

The Commission's invariable response to these questions was to say it would request information from the British authorities; meanwhile, land reclamation work has continued.

1. Has the Commission been granted access to the British environmental impact study on the current state of the infrastructure created by the land reclamation work?
2. Rather than simply seeking explanations from the British authorities, is the Commission thinking of adopting an executive measure of some kind to prevent Gibraltar continuing to damage an area under Community protection?
3. Is the Commission thinking of adopting a measure of some kind to ensure Gibraltar puts right the environmental damage caused, restoring reclaimed areas to their original state?