

**Question for written answer E-007654/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pollution in Galician estuaries

Estuaries in Galicia have been affected by rapid urban and industrial expansion, which has not been accompanied by sufficient measures either to protect the environment or to ensure proper waste treatment.

In February 2013 the Petitions Committee of the European Parliament visited Galicia to look into complaints relating to high levels of pollution in the estuaries, which might breach EU environmental laws.

Almost two years later, in December 2014, the final working paper following that visit is to be presented, with recommendations for the Spanish authorities.

1. Is the Commission in a position to provide up-to-date information on the progress made by the Galician and Spanish authorities with respect to the recommendations put forward nearly a year ago?
2. Has any progress been made regarding an integral plan for regeneration of the O Burgo estuary and the participation of interested parties in all the measures that are carried out, particularly in the case of Reganosa in the Ferrol estuary?
3. Are adequate steps being taken to ensure that no effort is spared in guaranteeing water quality and safeguarding public health and that European funds are targeted towards research and improvement of water quality?