

**Question for written answer E-008551/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU subsidies for nuclear power stations

In October 2014 the Commission guaranteed the British Government subsidies for the building and operation of two reactors at the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. The Commission estimated the total cost at EUR 43 billion, of which the building costs account for EUR 31.2 million. Both reactors are due to start operation in 2023 and will cover 7% of the UK's electricity production. The amount of the state subsidies for the two reactors was not disclosed. The Austrian Government proposes to lodge a complaint with the European Court of Justice against the subsidy for Hinkley Point C.

1. What is the amount and duration of the state subsidies accorded by the British Government for the two reactors at the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station?
2. What is the amount and duration of the proposed EU subsidies for the two reactors at the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station?
3. Under the EU Treaty the Member States are allowed to decide for themselves about their energy mix. Is any provision made in the state aid rules for amendments or restrictions to the Treaty in connection with the subsidising by the EU of nuclear power in the Member States?