

**Question for written answer E-008671/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Energy reform in Spain and consumer information

Fixed costs that do not change in line with consumption make up 60 % of electricity bills in Spain. People pay more for the power rating than for their actual consumption. By any reckoning this is contrary to the EU's principles of energy efficiency and energy saving.

Consumer associations in Spain believe this to be a system where those who use more electricity benefit while the middle class and families on low incomes who use less are at a disadvantage. Electricity companies encourage their customers to switch to a higher power rating, against a background of constantly rising energy poverty (it is estimated that seven million Spaniards will suffer restrictions to their electricity supply this winter and/or cuts).

1. Does Spain's latest energy reform comply with EU principles on energy efficiency and energy saving?
2. Does the Commission consider that the information Spanish consumers receive from the electricity companies is good enough for consumers to understand what they are paying for under the different headings?
3. What harmonisation measures is the Commission adopting or planning to adopt to ensure EU citizens receive clearer and more detailed information from electricity companies in order to combat consumers being exploited and to encourage efficiency and energy savings?