

**Question for written answer E-000151/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Construction work on the Rock of Gibraltar

The Eastside Project, a planned extensive complex of skyscrapers, hotels and a marina in the waters of the Strait of Gibraltar, is entering the final stages of development. In total, the Rock is set to occupy an area of over 150 000 square metres.

In February 2014, the Commission stated that it had asked the United Kingdom for additional clarification in relation to this project and to other activities in the waters around Gibraltar, particularly as regards compliance with Directives 2011/92/EU, 2008/56/EC and 92/43/EEC.

1. What additional information has the United Kingdom provided in response to the Commission's questions?

In mid-September 2013, experts from the European Commission visited the region to assess border controls between Gibraltar and the Spanish municipality of La Línea de la Concepción, but no investigations were carried out on the building work planned by Gibraltar.

2. Does the Commission not think it would be appropriate to hold a meeting with national experts from both Member States before the work begins?