

Question for written answer E-000269/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Dealing with the influx of illegal immigrants crossing the Mediterranean

In the light of the large number of migrants to Europe, which seems unlikely to abate, the issue arises, both within Parliament and beyond, as to how in particular illegal immigration to the EU can be dealt with humanely and efficiently. Australia has for a long time practised a policy of dissuasion in this matter, referring rigorously to the efficiency of its monitoring systems, the danger of illegal entry and the refusal to issue a visa in the event of illegal entry.

Does the Commission think it is possible to significantly influence the influx of illegal immigrants by highlighting the danger of the undertaking, particularly when crossing the Mediterranean, or have such measures already been brought to bear?

If not, what misgivings does the Commission have about such a scheme?