

**Question for written answer E-001783/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Spanish border controls at Gibraltar crossing

Owing to Spanish border controls and the work being conducted on the Spanish side of the border, delays in exiting Spain and entering Gibraltar continue. These delays peaked at one hour or more on eight different days in November 2014. As an example, on 6 November there was a 75-minute delay, and on 11 and 12 November there were 70-minute delays.

In its letter to the Spanish Government of 30 July 2014, the Commission informed Spain that these checks on exiting travellers are not justified and that they should be abolished or reduced.

What action does the Commission propose to take, given that the delays in exiting Spain and entering Gibraltar continue?

In the letter of 30 July 2014, the Commission also told the Spanish Government that 100 % checks on vehicles exiting Gibraltar and entering Spain are not compatible with a sound risk-based approach, and that these checks should be eliminated.

Is the Commission aware that these checks continue, causing delays in entering Spain of 250 minutes (on 3 November 2014) and even 300 minutes (on 1 December 2014)? What does the Commission propose to do about this?