

**Question for written answer E-006325/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Independence of competition authorities

We have learned in recent days that the Commission has contacted the Spanish Government regarding Law 3/2013 of 4 June, which combined various market supervision bodies into a single authority, the *Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y de la Competencia* (CNMC), [National Markets and Competition Commission]. According to reports, the Commission has asked Spain to clarify the competition monitoring model, recalling the need for such bodies to be entirely independent.

What is the content of the communication sent by the Commission to the Spanish Government?

Does the Commission consider that the model enshrined in Law 3/2013 puts the independence of the competition authorities in doubt?