

**Question for written answer E-007221/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Regulating the energy market

Energy prices in Spain are among the highest in the EU and are continuing to rise. The National Energy Board has already warned that the system for setting prices on the domestic energy market is insufficiently transparent. The chief problem lies in the fact that energy generation, distribution and marketing are all in the hands of an oligopoly of five companies which control prices and set them in their own interests, making competition impossible. This has led major foreign companies such as Gaz de France or AON, for instance, to put their Spanish assets up for sale as they cannot compete with the Spanish companies.

What measures will the Commission take, therefore, so that the energy union on which it is working does not just target energy independence and a low-carbon economy, but also regulates the energy market such that it ensures and encourages increased competition, as well as a free and transparent market in the Member States?