

**Question for written answer E-013868/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Budget overrun in the Spanish Ministry of Defence

The budget overrun in the Spanish Ministry of Defence in the current parliamentary term will be more than EUR 8.717 billion, i.e. 40 % of the sum originally allocated. The figures since 2013 show an overrun of 37 %.

Since the Partido Popular came to power, the budget overrun on defence spending has been standard practice. In 2012, this department spent EUR 2.75 billion over and above the scheduled sum (the EUR 6.3 billion initially allocated turned into EUR 9 billion). The following financial year saw a 33 % increase (EUR 7.962 billion by comparison with the EUR 6.008 billion scheduled in the budget). In 2014, the increase stood at EUR 1.947 billion. The figures for 2015 appear to be around EUR 1.967 billion above the sum assigned in the budget.

It is clear that the scale of this overrun could affect compliance with the budgetary objectives.

Is the Commission aware of the Spanish Government's budget overrun on defence spending?

Has the Commission made any recommendations to the Spanish Government in this regard?

Does the Commission have a view on the impact of this overrun on the public deficit?