

**Question for written answer E-015247/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cirl bunting

The conservation of bird species across Europe has been a cornerstone of environmental policy in the European Union for many years, but some Member States are allowing illegal killing of protected bird species to continue. One of my constituents has expressed concern over the illegal killing of cirl buntings in Spain and I would like to know the following:

What measures is the Commission taking to ensure that Member States adhere to the Birds Directive, in particular the prevention of illegal hunting?

What steps are being taken to hold Member States to account when they violate the Directive?