

**Question for written answer E-001824/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Comprehensive law against gender violence

More than 10 years after the Comprehensive Law against Gender Violence came into effect in Spain, no concrete studies have yet been carried out by independent agencies to evaluate the enforcement of this law or to identify the progress made so far, along with any failures or shortcomings to be worked on in the future. Given that the figures provided by the Ministry of Health, Social Affairs and Equality show that, of the 36 individuals who died as a result of gender violence in 2015, only four had lodged a complaint, an open debate remains to be had on the number of 'false complaints' lodged following the adoption of the above law, which may reveal certain aspects that need to be improved if victims are to be afforded genuine protection.

1. Does the Commission have figures or studies on the progress achieved following the application of this law on gender violence and on the measures that need to be taken to ensure that victims are afforded effective protection?
2. Does the Commission consider this law to be in line with the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence?
3. Does the Commission know what proportion of EU funds Spain has earmarked for the bureaucratic structure dedicated to the above law and what proportion reaches victims?