

**Question for written answer E-006741/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Roaming charges to remain after 15 June 2017

According to the Spanish press<sup>1</sup>, the Commission wants to limit the abolition of the surcharge for making mobile calls from abroad to 30 consecutive days or three months a year within the EU. The Commission appears to be concerned that domestic consumers will use the scrapping of roaming charges to sign up to the cheapest mobile phone provider, regardless of where they live. Should this be the case, it would mean that telecommunications barriers in the EU had not been completely removed. The questions to answer, therefore, are:

Can the Commission clarify the limits it intends to impose on roaming charges?

Can the Commission say how much the partial continuation of roaming charges after 15 June 2017 will cost individuals and SMEs?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://economia.elpais.com/economia/2016/09/05/actualidad/1473095663\\_307938.html](http://economia.elpais.com/economia/2016/09/05/actualidad/1473095663_307938.html)