

**Question for written answer E-003202/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Geothermal energy on Monte Amiata - incomplete reply to question  
P-001749/2017

Our priority written question P-001749/2017 of 14 March concerned the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the Monte Amiata geothermal power plants, which are higher than those from a gas-fired power station of equal capacity<sup>1</sup>.

However, the Commission reply, which we received on 6 May, completely failed to answer two of our three questions.

We are therefore forced to ask again:

Is it true that Italy is including the electricity from Monte Amiata in its estimates of the reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions achieved using renewable energy, by considering this electricity as a source of CO<sub>2</sub> savings when it is actually a source of considerable emissions?

If it is true, does the Commission think this is logical and will it take action to put an end to the paradox of a Member State granting EU incentives for renewables to greenhouse gas-emitting plants? If it does not intend to do so, can it explain why not?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.arpat.toscana.it/notizie/arpatnews/2014/122-14/Bravi%20M%20Basosi%20R%20Environmental%20impact%20of%20electricity%20from%20selected%20geothermal%20power.pdf>