

**Question for written answer E-005570/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Change in Spanish electricity prices

When the Spanish national budget was being negotiated in May this year, the People's Party (PP) was unable to pass the budget bill without support from the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV). One of the things included in the budget deal was reformed electricity prices, which will benefit 1 250 businesses in six autonomous communities; 790 of those are in the Basque Country^{1,2}.

There was already discrimination between different areas on the basis of the voltage installed and the reform resulting from the budget deal has made that worse.

1. Does the Commission believe that unjustified discrimination in the electricity prices charged in different areas could distort competition and that there may be indications of state aid?
2. Does the Commission believe that the setting of electricity prices should be included in political deals?

¹ <http://www.elmundo.es/pais-vasco/2017/05/05/590c4325268e3e796f8b45eb.html>

² <http://www.europapress.es/economia/energia-00341/noticia-acuerdo-pge-pnv-reordena-tarifas-electricas-ahorrar-50-millones-industrias-vascas-20170504183749.html>