

**Question for written answer E-005615/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Power to set electricity prices

Question P-008402/201 to the Commission, of 9 December 2016, was about the Spanish Government's 2012 decision to strip the country's National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) of the power to set electricity prices, previously enjoyed by the defunct National Energy Commission (CNE). It answered that it had sent Spain a reasoned opinion.

The Commission added that, if the Spanish Government failed to address the problem, it could be referred to the Court of Justice of the EU.

1. How much time does Spain have to comply with European legislation by returning the power to set electricity prices to the CNMC?
2. What fines will Spain face if the government does not agree to return the power to set electricity prices to the CNMC?
3. Has the Commission decided to refer this case to the Court of Justice of the EU?