

**Question for written answer E-000542/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Independent regulator and airport charges

On 15 February 2017, the Commission started an infringement procedure against Spain (20164135) for incorrectly implementing Directive 2009/12/EC on airport charges and incorrectly applying Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008. The Commission urged the Spanish Government to tell it what measures it had taken to solve those problems by May 2017.

Our parliamentary group in Spain's Congress of Deputies has asked the government about the lack of independence for the Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC), Spain's national markets and competition commission, supposedly an independent regulator, and that commission's inability to find a lasting solution.

It also questioned whether Article 6 of that Directive, on transparency, non-discrimination and objectivity, had been complied with when the Airport Regulation Document was presented.

Has the Commission received a response from the Spanish Government?

If so, and taking the above into account, was the response satisfactory?

What is the current state of play regarding this infringement procedure?