

**Question for written answer E-001157/2018/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Castor project: taking action in response to calls from the European Parliament

In April 2015 Parliament adopted the Report on the European Investment Bank – Annual Report 2013¹, in which it regretted ‘the role played by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Commission in the Castor project’. The report also urged the Commission and the EIB to ‘take action in order to avoid Spanish citizens having to pay, through a higher public deficit or by raising energy costs, EUR 1 300 million in compensation over a disastrously assessed project’. The Commission was also called upon to investigate ‘whether the Spanish Government decisions on Castor could be considered prohibited state aid’.

- 1) What action, if any, has been taken in response to the calls made by the European Parliament?
- 2) What action will be taken ‘in order to avoid Spanish citizens having to pay, through a higher public deficit or by raising energy costs,’ the EUR 1 300 million in compensation?
- 3) What internal verification procedures did the EIB carry out when it endorsed this project, despite warnings from various reports and large sections of Spanish society?

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P8-TA-2015-0183&language=EN&ring=A8-2015-0057> (paragraph 33)