

**Question for written answer E-003731/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Investigation into the San Finx mine

In its answer to question E-001604/2017 concerning the San Finx mine in May last year, the Commission indicated that the assessment of the available information in this case had not yet been completed by the Commission, that no official investigation had been launched yet, and that the Spanish authorities had not yet been requested to submit their observations on the facts raised. However, on 29 November 2017 the Commission indicated to the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament that it did not intend to give any further follow-up to the petition on this matter.

In view of the above, of the environmental and public health implications of the mine in question, and of Commission's role as guarantor of compliance with European legislation, can the Commission clarify on what basis it decided not to make any further enquiries and whether it completed the aforementioned assessment and, if so, state what the conclusions had been, and furthermore indicate whether it launched an official investigation and whether it has been in contact with the Spanish authorities and, if so, say what their observations on the matter were?