

**Question for written answer E-006347/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Economic war against Catalonia

The so-called 'mass exodus of companies' from Catalonia, which occurred following the referendum on self-determination on 1 October 2017, is now becoming apparent. It was not caused by the 'unrest and uncertainty' of the referendum, but was a strategically orchestrated campaign by the very highest authorities of the Spanish state against Catalonia, after being unable to prevent the referendum from being held¹.

King Felipe VI, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and the upper echelons of his Government called business owners and executives to force an exodus of businesses from Catalonia, which served as economic retribution for a sovereignist process which came to a head when images of police repression from 1 October were seen all over the world².

One of the pieces of evidence that Judge Pablo Llarena used in his decree of 9 May 2018 for justifying the crime of rebellion against the pro-independence leaders was the exodus of businesses and the withdrawal of deposits³.

Is the Commission aware of the above facts?

Will the Commission initiate an investigation and determine, apart from the coercion which this action may entail, whether the aforementioned measure altered the price of shares for banks - like CaixaBank and Banco Sabadell - which moved their registered offices out of Catalonia?

¹ https://www.eldiario.es/contrapoder/guerra-politica-judicial-economica-Cataluna_6_822827710.html

² https://www.ara.cat/es/economia/asi-hizo-estado-guerra-economica-contra-cataluna_0_2102189945.html

³ Decree 09/05/18 (Page 29) <https://www.lavanguardia.com/politica/20180509/443452071341/llarena-confirma-procesamiento-rebelion.html>