

**Question for written answer E-001928/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Speculation in Spain's renewables sector

In 2018, Fundación Renovables (a Spanish renewable energy foundation) estimated that Spain would need approximately 85 000 megawatts (MW) of installed energy generation capacity from renewables by 2030. Today, applications have been submitted for up to 150 425 MW to be installed. Current installed capacity stands at 105 000 MW, while consumption barely reaches 40 000 MW. The Spanish Government plans to make provision for the installation of a further 67 500 MW by 2030, less than half the volume for which applications have already been submitted. This points to speculation in the renewable energy sector in Spain.

This increase in applications for connections to the grid could be a ploy by certain promoters to monopolise grid connections and then sell them at a higher price. In an attempt to prevent speculation, the Spanish Government has increased the price per kilowatt (kW). However, the number of applications continues to rise.

- (1) Does the Commission see a need to review the situation in Spain and push for tighter controls?
- (2) Consumers and small businesses are worst affected by the increase in prices. Is the Commission going to allow this violation of consumer rights to continue?