

**Question for written answer P-007613/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Advances in the technical component of the fourth railway package

Everyone is now in agreement on the strategic importance of revising the rules governing railways in Europe: the fourth railway package. The advances that this package could bring in terms of mobility and promoting sustainable growth, employment and prosperity in the EU are significant. Unfortunately, for now it seems that the component dealing with railway governance is being held up in Council, which is de facto resulting in work on the technical component being frozen.

1. The two components should certainly advance together, but in the event that that the political component remains blocked for a prolonged period, would the Commission be prepared to abandon the technical component as a result?
2. If not, would the Commission be prepared to unbundle the files in order to ensure that the technical component can advance?