

**Question for written answer P-012309/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Fraud in the management of the Cabo Prioriño treatment plant (Ferrol) and infringement of Directive 91/271/EEC

Last week it emerged that the Cabo Prioriño treatment plant, intended to serve the localities of Ferrol, Narón, and Neda, is standing idle, but people are nevertheless being charged for the so-called service.

The treatment plant, which cost EUR 36 million, 85% of which was covered by a Cohesion Fund contribution, is supposed to serve 125 000 residents by treating approximately 200 000 hectolitres of waste.

Spain has been warned several times on account of its continual failure to enforce Directive 91/271/EEC, and the Court of Justice has also found against it (Case C-343/2010). In November 2014 it was named and shamed before the Court by the Commission.

In the light of these facts, which appear to amount to a case of fraud involving European funds:

1. Does the Commission consider that EU legislation is being infringed? If so, what does it intend to do?
2. Given that Spain has repeatedly been at fault, what specific steps will the Commission take to ensure that Directive 91/271/EEC is properly enforced?
3. How well does the Commission think that urban waste water collection and treatment systems are currently being implemented in Spain, bearing in mind the instances of negligence that it has criticised on previous occasions?