

**Question for written answer P-015443/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Resolving the escalating situation at Calais

The situation at Calais is deteriorating daily. Today, truck drivers are again warning of the escalating violence with migrants. This is despite the extra security measures recently taken by France around the port. Because of France's policy of openly accepting migrants at Calais, in conjunction with the recent security measures, the problems are now being displaced onto approach roads, and drivers are increasingly reluctant to drive to the UK.

1. Does the Commission acknowledge that the situation at Calais is escalating, and that a crisis and an emergency exist, which are comparable to existing situations at the EU's external borders?
2. In view of the urgency of the situation, has the Commission, through the relevant EU agencies, performed a risk analysis of the migratory pressure at Calais? If so, is it consulting with France on the subject, and if not, why not?
3. The EU has decided that in the event of specific and disproportionate migratory pressure, arising from mixed migration flows, which are largely linked to the smuggling of migrants, a Member State may request assistance from the Commission. Does the Commission agree that such migratory pressure exists at Calais? If so, will the Commission invite France to submit a request for assistance with a kind of hotspot, and perhaps offer France financial assistance?