

**Question for written answer P-001116/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Taxation arrangements for the Electrabel energy corporation

Belgian Minister for Energy Marie-Christine Marghem has tabled a draft law on a nuclear energy tax.

According to the Belgian Council of State, assumption of financial risks for which the draft law provides is tantamount to State aid. It therefore considers there to be a risk of unfair competition among energy producers because the Federal Government is willing to cover a financial risk for Electrabel which it would not cover for other producers.

The Council of State adds that the draft bill ought to be notified to the Commission.

According to press reports, the minister does not intend to change her approach.

1. Is the Commission aware of this matter?
2. Will it contact the Belgian Government?
3. Will the Commission launch an inquiry into this matter?