

**Question for written answer P-006405/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Political instability in Spain

For more than 250 days now, Spain has had a caretaker government that cannot work on the reforms needed to ensure the recovery of the Spanish economy. Against the background of the current political climate, the EU urgently needs to be able to count on all its Member States, and in an interview Commissioner Moscovici adopted the following stance: 'Brussels wants a government in Spain as soon as possible [...] A majority government that can take decisions and meets commitments. This is what we want and what Spain needs'. I would therefore like to know whether:

1. the fact that Spain has no government will influence the Commission's decision as to whether EU structural funding should be frozen for that Member State?
2. the Commission is considering automatically suspending structural funding as of the third quarter of 2016 if the Spanish caretaker government fails to present a budget that adheres to the terms of the agreement it reached with the Commission?
3. whether the Commission has a full and detailed list of the programmes liable to be affected by the freezing of EU structural funding?