

**Question for written answer P-008402/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Electricity prices in Spain

According to the latest Spanish press reports, the Commission intends to complain to Spain about the direct government control exercised for the purpose of setting the fixed portion of the electricity price.

The reports also state that the Commission has concluded the procedure initiated in 2013 on account of misapplication of European legislation, which arose from the fact that the National Market and Competition Commission had been stripped of the powers once exercised by the defunct National Energy Commission to set electricity charges, and rejected the arguments put forward by the Spanish Government.

Can the Commission confirm that the Spanish Government's submissions were unsatisfactory? What stage has been reached in the procedure?

Has the Commission taken the decision to complain to Spain? If so, on what grounds would the complaint be based?

What would be the implications for Spain if the Government failed to make the changes necessary to comply with EU legislation?