

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1559/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Announcement concerning the closure of the Delphi plant at Puerto Real (Cádiz)

Recently, the firm Delphi announced the closure of its plant at Puerto Real, near Cádiz in southern Spain. The closure will affect 1600 direct jobs and another 2500 indirect jobs in an economically vulnerable area with high unemployment. One of the main reasons given for the closure is that the factory is not very profitable as a result of labour costs that are high by comparison with those in plants in other parts of the world.

What does the Commission think of the fact that the closure has been blamed on globalisation?

Does the Commission take the view that the Member States are doing enough to minimise the negative impact that globalisation can have on workers?