Question for written answer E-003096/2011 to the Commission Rule 117 Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE) and Luis de Grandes Pascual (PPE)

Subject: Tolls on more Portuguese motorways

On 19 October 2010 we put four questions to the Commission on the introduction of motorway tolls in northern Portugal.

On 13 December 2010 the Commissioner responsible replied, stating that the Commission had still not received any official information on the new toll in northern Portugal and that it was waiting for a detailed notification from the Portuguese authorities.

The new system has now been in place for five months, and the Portuguese regulations that brought in the toll are still in force, even though the problems they are causing remain unsolved.

Is the Commission now in a position to answer the questions we put last October? Is the Commission aware that the toll system in question will apparently, as of 15 April this year, be extended to include other motorways in Portugal? What does the Commission intend to do if this controversial toll system is extended to other motorways?