Question for written answer E-010318/2012 to the Commission Rule 117 Sven Giegold (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Reduction in net spending on imports of oil, gas and other natural resources in Greece

The analysis of the latest current account data published by Eurostat shows a dramatic reduction in net spending on imports of oil, gas and other natural resources (see the corresponding line on the graph submitted with this question) in Greece. This being so,

- 1. How does the Commission explain this development?
- 2. If unpaid bills play a significant role in this development, who are the creditors, or what groups of creditors are likely to be involved?
- 3. Bearing in mind the scale of the problem, has the Commission taken this phenomenon into account in the course of its troika missions?
- 4. What conclusions will the Commission draw in future?