

**Question for written answer E-010509/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**James Elles (ECR)**

Subject: UK High Speed 2 (HS2) rail network: transboundary consultations

The UK Government's proposals for a new high-speed railway known as HS2 envisage the new network connecting to existing rail networks, including High Speed 1 (which connects the UK to Belgium and France). HS2 will therefore have impacts on cross-border networks through the cumulative effects of increased train frequencies and passenger numbers on station and network capacity elsewhere in the EU.

Does the Commission consider that the UK Government has adequately discharged its obligations to undertake transboundary consultations and fully assess transboundary effects in light of these factors in connection with HS2?