

**Question for written answer E-010512/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
James Elles (ECR)

Subject: UK High Speed 2 (HS2) rail - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The UK Government recently published an 'HS2 London to West Midlands EIA Scope and Methodology Report' which sets out how it proposes to discharge its obligations as regards the EIA. Chapter 3 of this document indicates that the UK Government does not intend to report in the Environmental Statement on the environmental effects of the alternatives to HS2.

Will the Commission review the statements made in this document and urge the UK Government to properly consider alternatives, as required under the relevant directives?