

**Question for written answer E-010755/2012  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Clean-up of the Ferrandelle refuse dump, Caserta

– Whereas the site at Ferrandelle for depositing Ecobales, located in the province of Caserta on land confiscated from the Camorra boss Francesco Schiavone, was intended for farming but has, over time, become an enormous open-air refuse dump;

– Whereas operations have continued at Ferrandelle – set up as a transit site to tackle the serious refuse crisis in Naples, and intended to operate for 18 months – taking in far greater quantities of refuse than originally planned (some 550 000 tonnes to date), leading to the floor of the storage areas breaking up, with leachate filtering into groundwater;

– Having regard to the working document drawn up by the PETI Committee (PE442.870v05-00 of 5 October 2010) on the fact-finding mission to Campania (28-30 April 2010), in which the delegation reported it had found serious tensions within local communities, concerned at air and water pollution and its impact on their health, and also ascertained that the calorific content of the Ecobales was too high for them to be incinerated in the presently available incinerator;

– Whereas on 12 January 2012 the Campania Region – in response to infringement procedure 2007/2195 on waste management (Case C-565/10, judgment of 4 March 2010) – presented a comprehensive plan for cleaning up a number of particularly overloaded storage sites that present a risk of environmental damage;

– Whereas in MEMO/12/794 of 24 October 2012, the Commission referred Italy to the Court of Justice and called for fines to be imposed for the failure to clean up 255 illegal and uncontrolled waste dumps;

the Commission is asked:

– if it considers that, given the continuation of storage activity, the funds so far allocated can be deemed adequate;

– if not, what measures it considers appropriate in order to ensure that a clean-up takes place, removing the negative impact on the area and on the health of citizens;

– if it understands the Ferrandelle dump to contain dangerous waste, if this site is included in the list of 255 dumps for which a clean-up has been requested, and if a detailed calendar for the completion of such work has been provided for this site;

– in the event that this dump is not covered by MEMO/12/794, if it considers that it should intervene to ensure that the Campania Region includes it in the regional clean-up plan.