

**Question for written answer E-014436/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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According to Commission data, online gaming websites accounted for annual revenue in excess of EUR 6.16 billion or 7.5 % of the total gaming market in 2008 and, of the 14 823 active gaming websites in Europe, over 85 % were unlicensed. That is why the Commission started consultations on the Green Paper, without prejudice to conclusions that will be drawn at a later date concerning the need to take action, the form of action needed and the level at which it should be taken.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Has the situation improved in terms of a reduction in the number of active websites offering unlicensed games?
2. Does it have updated figures on the annual revenue of those websites?