**Question for written answer E-000069/2014**
**to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: CXL duty on sugar imports

European sugar cane refiners currently pay a 'CXL duty' of EUR 98 per tonne on their raw material imports. The CXL duty value seems completely arbitrary, and countless efforts to find out how the figure was arrived at have proved unsuccessful. Will the Commission outline the reason why the 'CXL duty' stands at the rate of EUR 98 per tonne?

Under the new CAP reform, sugar quotas are set to stay in place until 2017. Part of the agreement included a commitment on the part of the Commission to undertake an analysis of the European sugar sector with the aim of addressing any imbalances in the sector, particularly in relation to the situation faced by European cane refiners.

Will the Commission provide details of what it plans to do to alleviate any pressure on the sugar cane refining industry in the wake of the abolition of sugar quotas in 2017?