

**Question for written answer E-001983/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**George Lyon (ALDE)**

Subject: Dispute over mackerel quotas with the Faroe Islands and Iceland

The long-standing dispute over mackerel quotas with the Faroe Islands and Iceland remains unresolved, as they continue to overfish stocks in the North-East Atlantic which have increased as a result of cooperation between the EU and Norway on sustainable fishing quotas.

Can the Commission provide an update on the current state of negotiations with the Faroe Islands and Iceland?

Is the Commission considering further punitive measures against the Faroe Islands and Iceland?

What is the latest scientific advice the Commission has received on mackerel stocks, and how will this influence the ongoing negotiations with the Faroe Islands and Iceland?

Is the Commission actively consulting with our partners in Norway on this issue?