

**Question for written answer E-003034/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Ongoing unlawful returning of immigrants at the Franco-Spanish border

In January 2019, in response to the written question on the unlawful returning of immigrants at the Franco-Spanish border (E-005496/2018), Commissioner Avramopoulos stated that the Commission 'is following the situation at the French internal borders with a view to ensure that the reintroduced border controls are applied in a proportionate manner'. The situation has worsened since the answer was received. Whereas at the time the unlawful returning was affecting persons intercepted near border crossings, but already on French territory, it now involves persons detained hundreds of kilometres from the Spanish border. NGOs working in the area have helped more than 1500 people so far this year and have documented cases such as that of the two women who were arrested on 23 July 2019 in Bordeaux, 215 km from the Spanish border in Irun, and returned to Spain without any of the formalities set out in the Schengen Borders Code being completed.

1. What has been the outcome of the border control monitoring that the Commissioner referred to in his answer?
2. Have any breaches of the law, such as that described above, been detected?
3. What action has been taken to prevent such breaches?