

**Question for written answer E-003518/2019  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Menorca's energy isolation and request to the Commission for assistance

On 28 October 2018, the electricity network on the island of Menorca suffered a breakdown, leaving the island and some 40 000 users without any electricity for 56 hours. In view of this, the Spanish Government's Ministry for Ecological Transition announced that backup electricity generators would be installed on the island to prevent such a situation occurring again, as this produces serious consequences for the island's population and causes major economic and social problems. To this end, the public authorities set up a joint working party with the electricity company.

However, one year later, the Ministry now maintains that it needs the European Commission's authorisation before the generating sets can be installed.

1. Did the Government of the Balearic Islands notify the Commission of the breakdown in the electricity supply on the island of Menorca in October 2018?
2. If so, has the Commission authorised the installation of backup generators on the island of Menorca and, failing this, what steps will it take as a matter of urgency to safeguard the island's electricity supply?