

**Question for written answer E-000059/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Sixty per cent hike in Spanish imports of Russian LNG since the invasion of Ukraine

In its answer to my question E-002581/2022/rev.1, the Commission stated that '[t]he EU has decided to phase out, as soon as possible, its imports of Russian fossil fuels' and that 'imports of Russian LNG have to be closely monitored'.

Reports<sup>1</sup> in Spanish news outlet *El Confidencial* suggest – in line with financial data provided by Refinitiv Eikon – that since the Russian aggression against Ukraine began, Spanish imports of Russian LNG have risen by over 60%.

According to *El Confidencial*, 3.1 million tonnes were shipped into Spanish ports between 24 February, the day of the invasion, and 14 December 2022. That is 63% more than during the same period the previous year.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of this?
2. Has the Commission contacted the Spanish Government with a view to putting an end to this paradoxical situation?
3. Are imports of Russian LNG by Spain currently being 'closely monitored'?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.elconfidencial.com/economia/2023-01-08/espana-dispara-importaciones-gas-ruso-inicio-guerra\\_3553618/](https://www.elconfidencial.com/economia/2023-01-08/espana-dispara-importaciones-gas-ruso-inicio-guerra_3553618/)