

**Question for written answer E-000476/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Pascal Arimont (PPE)**

Subject: German energy subsidy

In his reply of 7 November 2022 to written question E-002907/2022, Commissioner Nicolas Schmit said that the Commission intends to contact the German authorities and seek clarifications regarding the nature and conditions for the entitlement of the 'Energiepreispauschale'. According to settled case-law, the requirement for people to reside in Germany to obtain this energy subsidy has an indirect discriminatory effect, which is permissible only if it is objectively justified.

1. Has the Commission since contacted the German authorities about the nature and conditions for the entitlement of the 'Energiepreispauschale' and sought clarifications?
2. If so, when does it expect to receive a response from them?

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