

**Question for written answer E-002852/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Frontex drone crash

On 24 August 2023, a European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) drone fell into the sea 70 nautical miles south-east of Crete. The Heron 1 drone, manufactured in Israel, is said to have lost satellite communication with the ground station for unknown reasons.

1. Who is in charge of investigating the crash and when will any reports be available?
2. What are the preliminary findings of Frontex concerning the cause of the crash?
3. Can the Commission provide a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred to date by Frontex resulting from the contracts for the operation of a drone based in Malta and a drone based in Crete, and what other costs are forecast?

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