

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2350/03  
by Elspeth Attwooll (ELDR)  
to the Commission

Subject:           Protection of the Darwin Mounds

Further to its reply to Written Question P-0213/03<sup>1</sup> concerning the protection of the Darwin Mounds, will the Commission confirm whether it has been contacted by the UK Government with a request or with justification for the use of emergency powers by the Commission as provided by Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002<sup>2</sup> in respect of this area? If so, will the Commission also confirm the date on which this approach was first made by the UK Government, given the implication that this had not occurred at the time of the Commission's response to Question P-0213/03?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.