

**Question for written answer P-007044/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Rumours about the possible halting by the French Government of the Turin-Lyon high speed railway project

On 12 July 2012 the French newspaper 'Le Figaro' reported statements by the French Budget Minister, Mr Cahuzac – immediately taken up by various Italian newspapers – to the effect that the French Government might reconsider some of its high-speed railway projects, including the Turin-Lyon line; there have also been further rumours along the same lines.

Can the Commission say:

- whether the statements by the French Minister and subsequent rumours are true;
- whether it has been informed of any such second thoughts on the part of the French Government;
- what it will do to ensure that the commitments are met and that a priority project for the EU will be completed?