

**Priority question for written answer P-002972/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: New electricity bill in Spain

A new model electricity bill has just entered into force in Spain. The new electricity bills to be received by consumers use a new methodology for calculating electricity charges for different time periods, with tariffs also differing according to the time of day.

These changes, which are occurring at a time of sharp increases in electricity prices (kWh prices have risen by 70% over the last year), are causing a lot of uncertainty for private consumers, the self-employed, SMEs and industry. Significant increases in electricity bills are expected.

1. On the basis of EU law, what measures can the Spanish Government take to reduce electricity bills for private consumers, businesses and industries?
2. Does EU law allow changes to billing, with tariffs differing according to the time of day, to be made without the consent of customers, as the Spanish Government intends to do?
3. Does the Commission intend to include any recommendations to Spain on energy prices and the competitiveness of industry in the context of the European Semester?