



Parliamentary questions

13 February 2014


E-001557-14

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

Rule 117

William (The Earl of) Dartmouth (EFD)

▶ **Subject: Review: Gibraltar**

 **Answer(s)**

In view of the new restrictions imposed by the Spanish authorities at the pedestrian border between Spain and Gibraltar, does the Commission have plans to review its initial conclusions?

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Parliamentary questions

27 March 2014

E-001557/2014

Answer given by Ms Malmström on behalf of the Commission

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answers to written questions **E-00358/2014**, **E-13941/2013** and **E-13389/2013**⁽¹⁾.

As already announced, after the expiry of the six month deadline regarding its recommendations, the Commission intends to assess the situation again. Nevertheless, following new complaints pointing to long waiting times at the pedestrian lanes, the Commission has again contacted the Spanish authorities to draw their attention to the need to improve the situation of EU citizens commuting daily between Gibraltar and Spain.

⁽¹⁾ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/parliamentary-questions.html>

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Parliamentary questions

7 March 2014

E-000358/2014

Answer given by Ms Malmström on behalf of the Commission

The Commission would refer the Honourable Members to its answers to written questions **E-013941/2013⁽¹⁾** and **E-013389/13⁽²⁾**.

In the meantime the Spanish authorities committed to improve the management of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, the infrastructure and the equipment at the crossing point of La Línea de la Concepción. These investments could be supported with EU Funds. Under the Internal Security Fund (Border and Visa Instrument), Spain was allocated with 195 million euros for the period of 2014-2020. The Spanish authorities can include the relevant actions improving border-crossing activities at the Spanish/Gibraltar border in its Internal Security Fund multi-annual programme. So far, Spain has not submitted its draft ISF programme. At the same time, Spain can also foresee the revision of the ongoing 2013 annual programme of the External Borders Fund. However, the Commission has not received so far any request in this respect.

As already announced, after the expiration of the six month deadline, the Commission will assess the situation again. It will pay particular attention on how its recommendations have been taken into consideration by the authorities of Spain and of the United Kingdom. The Commission reserves the right to pay another visit to the border if appropriate.

(1) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bWQ%2bE-2013-013941%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language=EN>

(2) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bWQ%2bE-2013-013389%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language=EN>

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Parliamentary questions

3 February 2014

E-013941/2013

Answer given by Ms Malmström on behalf of the Commission

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answer to Written Question **E-013389/13** by Mr James Nicholson⁽¹⁾.

In addition, the Commission is in contact with the authorities of Spain and of the United Kingdom to monitor, already before the expiration of the six-month deadline, how the recommendations of 15 November 2013 are implemented by the two countries.

⁽¹⁾ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/parliamentary-questions.html>

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Parliamentary questions

26 November 2013


E-013389-13

Question for written answer
to the Commission

Rule 117

James Nicholson (ECR)

► Subject: Border between Gibraltar and Spain

 Answer(s)

The Commission recently announced that Spain had not infringed the rules on border controls after it sent observers to investigate the lengthy border queues between Gibraltar and Spain. However, the Commission admitted that the additional checks introduced at the border are 'nevertheless challenging' and pose 'technical problems'.

Although the Commission plans to review the situation in six months, can it state already what measures it will take to ensure that the single market is not compromised by unnecessary restrictions on the free movement of people, goods, services and capital between Member States?

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