



Parliamentary questions

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Question for written answer
to the Commission

Rule 130

Clare Moody (S&D)

► Subject: Spanish border controls at Gibraltar crossing

 Answer(s)

Owing to Spanish border controls and the work being conducted on the Spanish side of the border, delays in exiting Spain and entering Gibraltar continue. These delays peaked at one hour or more on eight different days in November 2014. As an example, on 6 November there was a 75-minute delay, and on 11 and 12 November there were 70-minute delays.

In its letter to the Spanish Government of 30 July 2014, the Commission informed Spain that these checks on exiting travellers are not justified and that they should be abolished or reduced.

What action does the Commission propose to take, given that the delays in exiting Spain and entering Gibraltar continue?

In the letter of 30 July 2014, the Commission also told the Spanish Government that 100% checks on vehicles exiting Gibraltar and entering Spain are not compatible with a sound risk-based approach, and that these checks should be eliminated.

Is the Commission aware that these checks continue, causing delays in entering Spain of 250 minutes (on 3 November 2014) and even 300 minutes (on 1 December 2014)? What does the Commission propose to do about this?

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Parliamentary questions

21 April 2015

E-001783/2015

Answer given by Mr Avramopoulos on behalf of the Commission

The Commission refers the Honourable Member to its answer to Written Question **E-009810/2014**. In addition, on 20 February 2015 the Commission has received further information requested from Spain, related in particular to the analysis of risks. The Commission will analyse this information before finalising its assessment on how both Spain and the United Kingdom have implemented the Commission's recommendations of 15 November 2013 and 30 July 2014.

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Parliamentary questions

29 January 2015

E-009810/2014

Answer given by Mr Avramopoulos on behalf of the Commission

The Commission is regularly informed about the situation at the Spanish-Gibraltar border, including on delays reported by citizens upon entry or exit to Spain. It is committed to continue working on this matter to find a sustainable solution and improve the situation of many citizens crossing this border daily.

On 30 July 2014, the Commission addressed requests for additional measures to both Spain and the United Kingdom to be implemented without delay in order to reduce the waiting time. One of the measures requested from Spain was to optimise risk-based profiling and to adapt the checks at the border accordingly. The Commission recently received a reply from Spain and will now analyse it before assessing the situation at this border again.

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