

**Question for written answer E-014714/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Toro de Jubilo

In Medinaceli in Spain, the annual event 'Toro de Jubilo' is being held on 14 November 2015. A young bull is tied to a stake in the market place and has its horns set on fire using chemicals. The bull is then released and chased until, after a long death struggle, he expires.

The Commission says that it has no legal basis to legislate on the use of animals during festivals (E-006881/2014). The hunting of dolphins by the Faroese and Japan is another serious animal welfare issue, and one on which, in contrast, the Commission has indeed expressed its concern to the countries concerned on many occasions (P-006608/2014).

1. Will the Commission, in view of the terrible suffering which is caused to animals, express its concern and make a moral appeal to Spain to halt such cruel festivals as Toro de Jubilo?
2. The European Parliament recently adopted a position against subsidies for the breeding of bulls for the bullfighting industry, in which bulls also face a painful death. To what extent can the Commission guarantee that no farm subsidies help to pay for such Spanish festivals as Toro de Jubilo?