

**Question for written answer E-014579/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

William (The Earl of) Dartmouth (EFDD)

Subject: Aggregates Levy

Is the Commission aware of the substantial damage it has caused to the UK aggregates industry by its refusal to open a Phase II investigation in 2002 into the Aggregates Levy when asked to do so by the British Aggregates Association, the UK Government et al? Most shale companies did not increase their price (as they were not subject to the levy), but they are now required to find GBP 2.00 per tonne (amounting to millions of pounds), which they do not have and clearly never allowed for, as the Commission originally told them the shale exemption was lawful.