

**Question for written answer E-015369/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Ernest Urtasun (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Evaluating the proposed uranium mine in Retortillo (Salamanca)

According to a detailed press report,<sup>1</sup> the mining concern Berkeley hired Manuel Lamela specifically to lobby the Commission to authorise a proposed uranium mine. The Commissioner's reasons for granting authorisation for the project – which will have a significant impact on the environment – have never been made public, as the Commission classified the file 'at the company's request.' Mr Lamela and Commissioner Cañete had worked together from April 2000 to December 2003, when Mr Lamela was undersecretary of the ministry headed by Mr Cañete.

1. Will the Commission's full analysis of the project be published? If not, what is the legal basis for keeping it secret?
2. Do MEPs have access to this analysis?
3. Can the Commission confirm whether any informal meetings between Mr Cañete and Mr Lamela took place between the date of Mr Lamela's recruitment by Berkeley and the authorisation of the uranium mine?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://cadenaser.com/ser/2015/12/01/politica/1449004230\\_772824.html](http://cadenaser.com/ser/2015/12/01/politica/1449004230_772824.html)