

**Question for written answer E-002920/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Oil reserves and EU rules

According to EU rules, countries must keep at least 90 days' worth of oil supplies in reserve within the Member State itself or within other Member States to safeguard against possible supply shortages.

In the south of Ireland 14 % of the state's oil reserves are stored in the north of Ireland and Britain.

In its reply to a recent Parliamentary Question submitted by Seán Crowe TD to the Irish Government, the Government stated that it had made no decision to move its strategic oil reserves out of Britain and into the south of Ireland.

In the event of a no-deal Brexit, access to these reserves could be restricted, and therefore the southern government could be found in breach of EU law.

Has the Commission considered this particular impact of Brexit, and the fact that Member States may be dragged into breaching EU law?

Has the Commission assessed the impact that a shortage of gas and oil caused by Brexit could have on the all-Ireland economy, including on energy prices and security of supply?

Does the Commission intend to implement any mechanism to ensure that the integrity of the all-Ireland electricity market will be protected in the event of a no-deal Brexit?