

Question for written answer E-001417/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of revenues from the auctioning of pollution allowances

Under the European directive establishing the EU's greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system, Member States must use revenues generated from the auctioning of allowances for climate-related purposes with a positive environmental impact. Furthermore, as is highlighted, Member States should report annually on the use of auctioning revenues in accordance with Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council, specifying which revenues are used and the actions that are taken to implement their integrated national energy and climate plans and their territorial just transition plans.

Cyprus generates millions from the auctioning of pollution allowances. However, there is no transparency as to how the revenues generated by the state from this pollution are used, and compliance with the rules of the EU directive – which has also been transposed into national legislation – cannot be confirmed.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following:

1. To ensure transparency, should the Member State publish detailed information on the revenues it generates from pollution and how these are re-invested?
2. Is Cyprus fulfilling its obligation to use the total amount of the revenues generated from pollution for climate and just transition purposes?

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