

Question for written answer E-004980/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Temporary exemption from nitrogen regulations for sustainable energy infrastructure, housing construction and essential infrastructure in the Netherlands

The Netherlands is facing an urgent need to expand its housing stock and energy infrastructure. Hundreds of projects are being delayed by strict nitrogen regulations, jeopardising both the electrification and connection of households and businesses to the electricity grid. This is hampering the economy, limiting the supply of affordable housing and delaying essential infrastructure projects. A temporary exemption from nitrogen regulations during the construction of energy infrastructure, housing and other essential infrastructure is therefore necessary to achieve these social and economic goals.

1. Can the Commission confirm that temporary nitrogen emissions during the construction of electricity infrastructure, such as cables, transformer stations and other energy projects, will be permitted within Natura 2000 areas in the Netherlands and other Member States?
2. Is the Commission prepared to formally apply this exemption to the construction of new homes, the renovation of existing homes and other essential infrastructure, so that delays and project shutdowns in the Netherlands can be substantially reduced?
3. What legal instruments or amendments to EU nature conservation law does the Commission consider necessary to formally enable a temporary exemption for nitrogen emissions from construction and infrastructure projects in the Netherlands?

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