

**Question for written answer E-003761/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Questions about the data sources used for the Commission's assessment of the events in Ceuta

In its answer to priority question for written answer P-003206/2026¹, the Commission fails to address the significant discrepancies between EU Internal Affairs and Migration Commissioner Magnus Brunner's statement of 31 July 2026 and the subsequent findings of the Ceuta authorities. Furthermore, the answer contains neither specific details regarding the administrative and reporting level of the Spanish authorities at which the underlying information was collected, nor an assessment of the discrepancies referred to.

1. Before these statements were published, did the Commission or Frontex carry out an independent plausibility check on the primary data collected by the Spanish authorities?
2. In view of the discrepancy between the claim of 31 July 2026 that practically all those who had entered Ceuta illegally had been returned to Morocco and the information of 3 August 2026 from the Ceuta authorities that between 3000 and 5000 persons still remained illegally on the territory, has clarification or a correction of the information provided been requested from the Spanish Government?
3. What documented data – in particular Eurodac comparisons, biometric registrations or other registration data – did the Commission rely on to reach its finding that landings in mainland Spain were not linked to the events at the border section of Ceuta and that there were no linked internal migrations?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-003206_EN.html.