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**Question for written answer E-003144/25
to the Commission
Dolors Montserrat (PPE)
(30 July 2025)**

Subject: Teresa Ribera's cover-up and manipulation of information on how the Júcar River Basin Authority managed the DANA

A Guardia Civil report has contradicted the version of events given by Teresa Ribera during her parliamentary hearing prior to being appointed to her current role as Commissioner and third Vice-President. Ribera, then a Spanish Minister, stated that the Júcar River Basin Authority (Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar) — which fell under her purview as Minister — had issued all the necessary alerts during the tragic high-altitude isolated depression (DANA) phenomenon that killed 228 people and was particularly devastating in the Poyo ravine.

However, the Guardia Civil report reveals that the Júcar River Basin Authority's warning system failed completely during the crucial hours. This administrative and technical silence prevented civil protection measures from being activated in a timely fashion and the emergency from being managed properly. The fact that there were no warnings demonstrates negligence and a lack of control.

Moreover, this information was deliberately covered up during Ribera's parliamentary hearing, where her appointment was prioritised over clarifying the facts.

1. Does the Commission consider that the cover-up and manipulation of information regarding such a serious emergency is detrimental to the trust and transparency necessary for its functions?
2. Will it seek an explanation from Ribera to verify whether information was covered up or manipulated?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(27 October 2025)**

The Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition replied to questions raised by the Members of the European Parliament during her hearing with the European Parliament which took place before the Parliament's vote on the composition of the Commission.

The issues mentioned by the Honourable Member relate to the actions of the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge.

Consequently, it is not for the Commission to comment on these topics.
