

**Question for written answer E-006618/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Health emergency in West Africa

The outbreak of cases of Ebola in West Africa is a human drama exacerbating the existing suffering of countries such as Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Nigeria. The fact that there have been no contagious cases in Europe cannot be used to justify the EU's passivity. I therefore wish to ask:

1. What programmes has the Commission set in place over the last 10 years to help the affected countries prevent and contain the Ebola virus? How does it view the results of such programmes?
2. What steps does the Commission consider necessary in order to prevent the virus spreading as a result of patients travelling while incubating the disease?