

**Question for written answer E-007265/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Pension deductions in cases of receipt of second pension

In the context of legal proceedings brought by the Commission against Malta on the issue of pension deductions in cases where people receive a second pension, could the Commission report on any progress made in this regard?

The Commission may recall that this issue has already been raised a number of times by complainants, including through petitions in front of the buildings of European institutions by retired UK service staff who moved their residence to Malta after retiring and who realised that their pensions were suffering deductions following the passing of a national law.

1. In the context of Malta's EU membership 25 years after the passing of this law, does the Commission believe that the law in question still respects the principle of freedom of movement, which protects the interests of individuals who exercise or have exercised their right to work in another country?
2. If so, at what stage is the Commission in terms of infringement proceedings against Malta, and secondly, has the Commission categorically ruled out the possibility of Malta being obliged to retroactively redress those affected?