

**Question for written answer E-007622/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Francesc Gambús (PPE)

Subject: First case of Ebola infection in Europe

The first case of infection with the Ebola virus in the EU has occurred in Madrid, in a nurse who had treated a patient who had been repatriated from Liberia to Madrid. That patient has since died. According to various staff members at the hospital, the protection measures used were insufficient given how dangerous the virus is. Spain thus ignored the World Health Organisation recommendations with regard to repatriation in Ebola cases and, as a result of the negligence of the health authorities, it has exposed Spanish citizens to a higher risk of contagion.

1. Does the Commission consider there to be a high risk of this pandemic spreading in the EU?
2. What protocols does the Commission intend to follow in order to contain pockets of Ebola that could break out in European territory in cases that have not yet displayed symptoms?
3. As well as requesting a report from the Spanish Government on the above case, what measures does the Commission deem suitable to avoid further incidents such as that in Madrid?