

**Question for written answer E-010408/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Living conditions for migrants and asylum seekers in administrative detention

In its latest report on the functioning of the Schengen area, the Commission states that it is systematically monitoring the implementation of the Return Directive in the Member States, focusing in particular on administrative detention conditions. The Commission is considering opening 'infringement procedures against some Member States in the coming months'.

The problems concerning detention centres must be addressed without delay. Such centres are commonplace in many Member States whereas detention should actually be used as a last resort. Migrants and asylum seekers, some of them children, are being detained in appalling conditions and civil society is afforded little or no access.

In its report, the Commission mentions alternatives to detention as a way to improve conditions for migrants and asylum seekers. The effectiveness of detention, the use of which often gives rise to breaches of fundamental rights, is seriously called into question.

1. Can the Commission say precisely which Members States will be subjected to infringement procedures, and for what reasons?
2. Can it give any examples of the 'alternatives to detention' that it feels are used successfully by some Member States?