

Question for written answer E-000857/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Malnutrition in old age

The problem of malnutrition, which represents a serious threat to the health of the most vulnerable sections of the population in Europe, mainly children and old people, can be solved with a proper diet. The possible causes of malnutrition include not just a lack of adequate financial resources but also ignorance of the kinds of food that should be consumed in order to maintain a healthy physical state and the circumstances corresponding to a person's age. The situation of old people, who without doubt form a most vulnerable group to which insufficient attention is paid, is particularly worrying.

1. Does the Commission have statistics available showing the degree of malnutrition among old people in the EU?
2. Does the Commission intend to set up a programme to deal with the terrible scourge of malnutrition among old people?