

**Question for written answer E-001569/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Liadh Ní Riada (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Housing crisis in Ireland

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states the following: In order to combat social exclusion and poverty, the Union recognises and respects the right to social and housing assistance so as to ensure a decent existence for all those who lack sufficient resources ... (Article 34).

Due to the increasing costs of rented housing in the private sector and as a result of the set of upper limits for rent applied in June 2013, there is a great deal of people and a large number of families who are homeless or in danger of becoming so.

In the context of the housing crisis and the level of homelessness in Ireland at present, can the Commission comment on the upper limits on rent supplements laid down by the Department of Social Protection in Ireland?

Can the Commission state whether Ireland is in breach of the European strategy for social inclusion?

Can the Commission explain what it is doing or what it intends to do to address this situation?