

**Question for written answer E-005018/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Problems with hospital treatment in the Prefecture of Heraklion due to the healthcare policies imposed under the memorandum in Greece

According to reports by the President of the Doctors' Union in the Prefecture of Heraklion, numerous cancer patients in need of immediate surgical procedures are having to wait up to a year to receive treatment due to shortages of:

- a) doctors and nursing staff
- b) operating theatres
- c) beds in A&E
- d) consumables

If the necessary funds were provided, the daily number of routine procedures would increase by up to 50 %.

Furthermore, many doctors are paid a pittance and have not been paid for being on call for two years, meaning that they are now struggling to make ends meet.

The situation in hospitals in the Prefecture of Heraklion and in other hospitals in Greece is expected to deteriorate in 2015, as healthcare budgets have been cut by a further 22.9 %.

In view of the above, will the Commission, as a member of the Troika, say whether it will continue to demand cuts to healthcare budgets in 2015, despite the increased risks to the health of patients and what measures it intends to take in order to compensate Greece for the colossal social cost of the measures enforced under the memorandum in the health sector?