Question for written answer E-006537/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Radiological equipment

Recently, the Sociedad Española de Radiología [Spanish Radiology Association] and the association for health technology, Fenin, have warned that the cuts to the health budgets in Spain could be impacting on the quality of equipment available to the Spanish health system. For example, they have highlighted the fact that 34 % of magnetic resonance equipment is over 10 years old, while only 24 % is less than five years old; these percentages contravene the recommendations of the European association for medical technology and could result in patients receiving higher doses of radiation.

- 1. What is the Commission's opinion of the data that has been made public concerning Spain?
- 2. Have the Spanish authorities been approached for information regarding the quality of equipment?
- 3. What recommendations has the Commission made, or what recommendations is it planning to make, in relation to this equipment?

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