

**Question for written answer E-007827/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Mass amnesties for illegal immigrants

In 2005, Spain granted 700 000 illegal immigrants amnesty. In light of this amnesty, these people could now move to any other EU country they wished.

1. Does the Commission consider it appropriate that countries can enact mass amnesties of illegal immigrants?
2. Does it feel that, in light of the fact that these immigrants can now go to any other state, this places an unfair burden on Member States in the north of the Union, where many immigrants then head?