

**Question for written answer E-000029/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The 'Memorandum' is leading to the collapse of hospital services in Crete

The public health sector in hospitals in Crete is suffering because of 'Memorandum' policies pursued by the Troika that have had a devastating impact on the social and economic life of the population. On a daily basis the right of Greek citizens to basic healthcare is being violated, putting their health further at risk.

More specifically, PAGNI (the General University Hospital of Heraklion) suffers from shortages in consumable medical supplies and a lack of funding. There is no money for the procurement of a modern radiotherapy machine to replace the old one which is frequently breaking down and should have been withdrawn from service six years ago. The health of cancer patients is therefore suffering as their treatment is being postponed.

According to the results of an investigation by the association of suppliers of medical and biotechnological products, debts to suppliers of Venizelos General Hospital in Heraklion and PAGNI are almost all overdue because of a shortage of funds.

Due to lack of funds and understaffing at the Aghios Nikolaos hospital, clinics have been merged which is having adverse consequences for patients and employees alike.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Will it continue, as a member of the Troika, to insist on the 'Memorandum' policy of forced fiscal adjustment in Greece, thereby depriving the hospitals of Crete of the necessary funds and jeopardizing the health of patients?