

**Question for written answer E-002939/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Intensity of infringement proceedings launched by the Commission

The Commission has failed to give a comprehensive answer to written question E-013350/15. In that question I asked the Commission to set out in detail its position on the issue of whether, in investigations into the compliance of Member States with EU law and in infringement proceedings, it is more likely to conduct checks or launch infringement proceedings if it has already ruled against the Member State concerned 'establishing an infringement of EU law' in a preliminary ruling procedure.

I would like to ask the Commission the following:

1. Does the Commission agree with the conclusion, which can be inferred from the statistics so far produced, that it is more likely to conduct checks or launch infringement proceedings if it has already ruled against the Member State concerned, irrespective of the nature of the case, 'establishing an infringement of EU law' as a result of a preliminary ruling procedure?
2. How many times in the past ten years has the Commission conducted checks or launched infringement proceedings which have resulted in a ruling 'establishing an infringement of EU law' as a result of a preliminary ruling procedure?
3. How many times in the past ten years has the Commission launched infringement proceedings, as a result of a complaint or ex officio, when these have not been preceded by such a ruling by the European Court of Justice?