

**Question for written answer E-007141/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Dependence

According to figures from the Asociación de Directores y Gerentes en Servicios Sociales (Association of Social Service Directors and Managers), last year more than 40 000 dependents died in Spain without having received the benefits to which they were entitled, and the figure so far this year is more than 21 000. In fact, 35% of people on waiting lists die without receiving the benefits to which they are entitled under the law. In that context, it should be noted that the Spanish Government is failing to meet its 50% statutory contribution; last year it was 17.4%.

Is the Commission aware of this failure to comply with the Dependency Law in Spain? Has it inquired with the Spanish Government about the high number of deaths of people on waiting lists? What is its view of the situation as described.