

**Question for written answer E-000106/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Violation in Lamia General Hospital of Directive 2003/88 /EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time

In Greece, health expenditure has been drastically cut in line with Troika memorandum requirements, thereby undermining the provision of essential health services.

Lamia General Hospital is the largest hospital in the Region of Mainland Greece, with dozens of patients being admitted for treatment on a daily basis from the Regional Units of Fthiotida, Fokida, Evritania and Evia.

As a follow-up to my Written Question of 4.11.2016 on dysfunctions due to staff shortages at Lamia General Hospital, I note that in this hospital it has become impossible to provide hospital care to patients owing to shortages of medical personnel: there are only 72 doctors filling 143 posts, a rate of approximately 50%.

To address this situation, the competent Ministry is promoting temporary forms of employment, mandatory periods of on-call duty and transfers of medical staff from other hospitals, but this does not solve the problem.

Conditions at the hospital are thus unworthy of a modern European State. Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time is being infringed, as doctors are unable to cope with the demands of overtime and many mandatory periods on call.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- What steps will it take to put an immediate end to the violation of EU law, in particular Directive 2003/88 / EC, at Lamia General Hospital, in order to protect the health of patients in hospitals and the rights of medical staff?