

**Question for written answer E-002586/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Freedom of movement in Cyprus

In 2017 more than 300 000 Cypriots were recorded as currently residing in the UK, and around 1.25 million UK residents visited Cyprus as tourists. Over 366 000 individuals who travelled to Cyprus from the UK crossed the north-south border after flying into the southern airport of Larnaca, which suggests that free movement across this border is an essential transport link to Northern Cyprus for both tourism and trade.

With reference to the above points:

1. What initiatives are currently in place to review and protect the rights of British citizens to ensure continuous and unimpeded freedom of travel between the North and South of Cyprus during and post the transition period commencing in March 2019?
2. What is the status of any relating dialogue to date, decisions, and advice regarding anticipated issues and steps which may or will be taken by the UK Government to protect freedom of movement for its citizens?