

**Question for written answer P-007640/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Spanish plan for dealing with cross-border health threats such as Ebola

Yesterday the first case of Ebola contracted outside Africa was confirmed. The person concerned is a nursing assistant who had been part of a team treating two Ebola patients whom the Spanish Government had decided to repatriate from Africa for treatment in Madrid, where they both later died.

Under Decision No 1082/2013/EU Member States must provide, by 7 November 2014 at the latest, an update on the latest situation with regard to their preparedness and response planning at national level on serious cross-border threats to health.

1. Has the Commission received such an update from the Spanish Government?
2. If so, what is the Commission's assessment of Spain's national preparedness plan?
3. Does the Commission think that the Health Security Committee ought to deliver an opinion before repatriation where there is a serious cross-border threat to health?