

**Question for written answer P-007738/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Non-payment of pharmacies by the Catalan autonomous government

Catalan pharmacies have not been paid for medicines provided on prescription for the last two months, doubling the autonomous regional government's debt to them, which now stands at EUR 220.9 million.

The Council of Pharmaceutical Colleges of Catalonia deplores this state of affairs, pointing out that the Catalan government (Generalitat de Catalunya) has not kept its promise to bring the situation under control and clear the debt by the end of the year. Pharmacists have reiterated their demand that a timetable of payments be provided for the coming months and that the commitments made by the Generalitat be fully met.

The regional government's failure to pay is endangering the right of Catalans to access medicines and is creating a complicated financial situation for the pharmaceutical sector.

Does the Commission consider it admissible for the Generalitat to ignore its payment obligations towards the pharmaceutical sector, thereby infringing Directive 2011/7/EU on late payment?

What steps can the Commission take to ensure that the Generalitat complies with Directive 2011/7/EU on late payment?