

**Question for written answer P-005700/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission recommendations to the UK on housing

Parts of the UK, and particularly the South-East of England, are experiencing a dramatic housing crisis. A growing number of people face difficulties accessing and maintaining housing in the communities where they live and work. This has important implications for poverty and social exclusion, as well as for growth. A combination of rising rents, insecure private tenancies and a lack of affordable housing have led to rising homelessness in recent years. The Commission has highlighted the shortage of housing supply, high house prices and the nature of the rental offer as potential threats to macroeconomic stability.

In the framework of the Semester, does the Commission plan to give the UK more recommendations on housing affordability and tenancy regulation?

Can the Commission explain why it has not repeated its 2013 call for the UK to consider making longer rental terms more attractive for landlords and tenants?

Please can the Commission comment on whether an expansion of the UK's right-to-buy scheme to properties owned by registered social landlords would be in line with Commission recommendations?