

**Question for written answer P-002835/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 8 May 2018, the World Health Organisation announced an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo¹. Two weeks on, the disease has claimed 22 lives and medics in the region have recorded a total of 58 cases². According to the WHO, it will become clear to what extent it will be possible to contain the outbreak once it reaches the cities.

Ten days after the WHO's statement, the Commission announced that it would be releasing a humanitarian aid package, including help with logistics and financial resources, in an attempt to quell the outbreak³. With that in mind, and having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 18 September 2014 on the EU's response to the Ebola outbreak:

1. What role is the Commission playing, in conjunction with the Member States, in the current crisis?
2. To what extent is the Commission applying the lessons learned during the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak to provide a more diligent response to the current outbreak?
3. To what extent will the RescEU system update and strengthen the existing EU civil protection scheme in cases like this, once it has been adopted by Parliament and the Council?

¹ <http://www.who.int/news-room/detail/08-05-2018-new-ebola-outbreak-declared-in-democratic-republic-of-the-congo>

² <http://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/20180524/443802057941/brote-ebola-congo-30-casos-positivos-8-muertes.html>

³ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-3850_en.htm