

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3544/02

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to the Commission

Subject: Discrimination against Spanish pensioners who were previously employed in Gibraltar

As the Commission is already aware, the British authorities seriously discriminate against pensioners of Spanish nationality who were previously employed in Gibraltar. Since 1990, around 10 000 Spanish citizens have been denied the statutory pension increases received by former colleagues still living in Gibraltar.

In September 2001, in reply to Written Question E-2033/01¹, the Commission stated that it was examining the situation with regard to Community law and had asked the British authorities to provide information. The answer concluded with the words: 'The Commission will inform the Honourable Member of any further action taken on the matter.'

As more than a year has passed with no sign of the information promised, the Commission is again requested to state its position regarding this matter and the action it has taken to resolve the situation.

¹ OJ C 40 E, 14.2.2002, p. 151.