WRITTEN QUESTION E-5677/08 by Peter Skinner (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Health reimbursement

I am writing to you to complain about the embarrassing amount of time the Commission is taking to resolve a constituency issue in my constituency, the South of England. Six years ago I contacted the Commission regarding Health costs in Belgium incurred by one of my UK Constituents, Mr Nickalls. I was informed by the Commission that Mr Nickalls was entitled to the health treatment received and the UK Government should pick up the health costs from Belgium of 50 000 francs. The Commission then proceeded to recover these costs and six years later Mr Nickalls is in poor health and over 80 years of age.

I would be grateful if you would investigate this case and inform me when it will be resolved. My constituent and his family rightly argue that six years is unreasonable to administer a claim.