

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1899/10
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to the Commission

Subject: Consumer protection: prices of medicines in Malta

One of the fundamental principles which underlie the very existence of the European Union is meaningful consumer protection.

There is a serious lack of will to protect consumers in the Islands of Malta and Gozo as far as the purchase of medication is concerned.

The price of medicines in Malta is exaggerated, as can be gauged by a few price samples of a number of medicines. The purchase price is often more than double that of identical medicines in Brussels.

Is it possible for the Commission to carry out an in-depth investigation on this issue and the passive position of the official consumer protection structures in Malta, in order to tackle this serious problem?