

**Question for written answer E-4324/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
John Attard-Montalto (S&D)

Subject: Medicine prices in Malta

According to a Government study, Maltese consumers are paying on average 40 % more than the EU average for their medicinal products.

There is no doubt that the price of medicines in Malta is being inflated.

Is the Commission competent to undertake an in-depth inquiry to ascertain whether or not there is a pharmaceutical cartel in Malta?