

**Question for written answer E-008654/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Suspension of energy supply to vulnerable groups in Malta

In its reply of 17 May 2010 to parliamentary question E-2465/2010 on electricity prices in Malta, the Commission stated that it would 'seek information from the Maltese authorities' on the disconnection of electricity for thousands of Maltese households, many of which fall into the vulnerable group category.

In 2010, a further 1 286 households had their electricity supply suspended, with 251 household disconnections in the first five months of 2011.

Can the Commission detail what information was requested from the Maltese authorities and what has been provided?

As the Commission stated, 'the protection of vulnerable customers is a clear obligation on Member States under the internal energy market legislation'. Is the Commission concerned at this high rate of disconnection, which amounts to over 1% of all Maltese households?