

**Question for written answer E-007950/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: 'Citizenships' handed out in occupied territories

According to a complaint by the 'Minister' of the Interior of the pseudo-state in occupied Cyprus, the Kuchiuk 'administration' handed out 'citizenships' by the hundred during its last two months in office in the run-up to the 'elections'. In fact, he stated that, between 1 April and 31 May 2013, the Kuchiuk 'government' handed out 'citizenships' of the pseudo-state to 823 people.

According to information published recently, the National Unity Party granted 'citizenship' to 5 617 persons through the pseudo-government. Had things gone according to plan, that figure of 5 617 would have been 10 000 by the end of this year. The names of persons who appear to have been born in Turkey, and who are therefore settlers, were recently published in the press of the occupied territory.

Clearly, the regime of the pseudo-state instructed by Turkey in the occupied territory has adopted an integrated plan to alter the demography of the island and to use those figures to its advantage in future negotiations to resolve the Cyprus problem. Under international law, the above moves by Turkey are a crime against humanity.

As the Commission has repeatedly emphasised its intention to assist with the matter of human rights in Cyprus, for both Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots, the question of the altered demography of the northern part of Cyprus should be a priority for the European Commission and it should adopt substantive measures on the matter.

- In view of the above, will the Commission say if it intends to put pressure on Turkey to carry out an objective demographic survey of the occupied territory?
- What measures does it intend to take in the matter?