

**Question for written answer E-008706/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**James Elles (ECR)**

Subject: Welfare of Laying Hens Directive

It is understood from the information made available, that following the entry into force of the Welfare of Laying Hens Directive on 1 January 2012, there are still four Member States that are non-compliant, and the Commission has not disclosed which four countries are involved.

What steps does the Commission plan to take to ensure full transparency, and that the countries involved comply fully with the directive without delay?