

**Question for written answer E-011171/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Derek Roland Clark (EFD)**

Subject: Dutch state pension

A correspondent of mine, resident in the UK, has recently become entitled to a Dutch state pension. He has been refused payment in euros to his euro bank account. The UK is the only non-euro area EU Member State which is excluded from euro payments. This has reduced my constituent's pension payment and represents discrimination, which is illegal under the Lisbon Treaty.

Why has this practice been permitted?