

**Question for written answer E-001985/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Tuition fees in higher education institutions

In its recent White Paper on a possible independent Scotland, the Scottish Government made a series of assertions relating to how it could maintain certain advantages relating to its current UK and EU membership. Specifically relating to the charging of university tuition fees, it stated: 'Following independence, the Scottish Government proposes to maintain the status quo by continuing our current policy of charging fees to students from the rest of the UK to study at Scottish higher education institutions.'

In the Commission's answer to Written Question E-014162/2013 it stated that 'the Commission recalls that the conditions of access to education, including tuition fees, fall within the scope of EU law and any discrimination on grounds of nationality is prohibited in such matters [...] any differences in treatment based on other, apparently neutral, criteria (such as residence requirements) must be seen as a covert form of discrimination on grounds of nationality if they lead in fact to the same result.'

What sanctions would be imposed on a Member State which did not adhere to EU law as referred to in the Commission's response to Written Question E-014162/2013?