

**Question for written answer E-001926/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Lack of accessible healthcare in Ireland

In the north-west region of Ireland, and in particular in Donegal, Irish citizens accessing cancer services must make a gruelling 4-5 hour car journey in order to access vital treatment.

The European Social Charter states that health systems must be accessible, and that Member States have an obligation to provide an adequate healthcare system which does not exclude parts of the population from receiving healthcare services.

Can the Commission clarify what the European Social Charter defines as 'accessible'? Moreover, can it give an indication as to what travel time and distance to healthcare is in breach of the European Social Charter?