

**Question for written answer E-000842/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Answers to written questions

As Members of the European Parliament, we have the right to put written questions to the Commission. This is an important tool to gain evidence and raise our issues. According to Rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure, the deadline for a written response is 6 weeks, or 3 weeks in the case of priority questions. Unfortunately, in recent years and especially at the moment, there is a tendency to answer written questions months after the deadline. Moreover, the answers are often rather general or evasive or do not refer specifically to the subject of the question, so the instrument at hand hardly serves its purpose.

1. Why are the deadlines for answering written questions not met?
2. What possibilities and plans does the Commission have to improve the situation concerning written questions from the European Parliament?
3. How can it be ensured that the questions are answered concretely and precisely, with individual answers to each question asked?

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