

**Question for written answer E-001677/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Doing away with cash

In crises such as the one we are currently enduring, people prefer to keep their money within easy reach, rather than in the bank, where it could simply be grabbed by the state.

What does the Commission make of the idea that doing away with cash would simply result in illegal transactions and other rackets moving online, where everyone is anonymous and money is much more difficult to trace? How could this be prevented?