

**Question for written answer E-000024/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: WHO warns that omicron variant could overwhelm Europe's healthcare systems

The World Health Organization (WHO) expects an increase in hospital patient numbers in Europe due to the COVID-19 omicron variant. Although the variant appears to cause milder infection, it will lead to a large number of hospital admissions in Europe, according to the WHO. The variant is currently spreading rapidly throughout Europe. It is already the dominant variant among the new infections in several countries. The pandemic has now lasted more than two years.

1. How many additional hospital beds have been added in each Member State over the past two years?
2. How many additional nursing staff have been recruited in each Member State over the past two years?
3. How many additional ICU beds for COVID-19 patients have been purchased in each Member State over the past two years?