

**Question for written answer E-003366/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Ban on the auctioning of working class homes

As part of a relentless drive by the ND government to auction off working class homes in Greece, over 17 620 properties have gone under the hammer in the first half of 2022 alone, with a further 9 000 being scheduled to do so from 1 September to the end of the year.

Working families unable to pay extortionate taxes and exorbitant interest rates on bank loans from incomes further eroded by soaring living costs now find themselves in desperate straits and unable to meet even their existing commitments. Banks and funds are now auctioning off thousands of working class homes in accordance with legislation enacted by successive PASOK, ND and SYRIZA governments with blessing of the EU.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of calls for a ban on the auctioning of first and second residences, an immediate 'haircut' on amounts owed by working households to banks and government and the cancellation of interest payments?
2. What is its position regarding the unacceptable legislation adopted by the previous SYRIZA government specifically making it an offence to protest against the auctioning of working class homes?
3. What is its opinion regarding the need for integrated housing planning under the responsibility of the State, a ceiling on student rents, interest-free loans to new couples, the cessation of auctions and the immediate payment of rent subsidies to working families, students and small businesses, broadening the criteria for eligibility and increasing the subsidy?