

**Question for written answer E-003435/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission acquisition strategy for vaccine doses – Part 4

Further to the answer to the previous question P-001357/2022,¹ the Commission states in this answer that it is not in a position to confirm the exact need in terms of global vaccination.

1. If the Commission is not in a position to confirm the need in terms of global vaccination, how is it able to make statements such as the following: 'In addition, the Commission and the Member States have always acknowledged that the EU will not be safe from the virus as long as all the world is not protected.'²
2. Given that 886 million vaccine doses have been administered in the European Economic Area according to the 'COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker',³ what is the deadline for exercising the right to purchase the 4.2 billion doses that have been optioned?
3. Which payments will fall due for the optioning of the relevant quantity of vaccine, and will additional costs be incurred if the full quantity is not purchased?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2022-001357-ASW_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2022-000579-ASW_EN.html

³ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/covid-19-vaccine-tracker>