

**Question for written answer E-001195/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Insufficient reception of asylum seekers in the Netherlands

Owing to structural under-spending on the reception of asylum seekers in the Netherlands, the government has created and perpetuated a crisis with regard to reception facilities in the country. Thousands of asylum seekers are currently staying in emergency shelters intended for crises. The Court of Appeal in The Hague has ruled that, on a number of points, the reception of asylum seekers does not meet the minimum requirements prescribed by the European Reception Directive and other legislation. At the same time, waiting times for asylum seekers are on the rise due to insufficient capacity at the Immigration and Naturalisation Service.

1. Is the Commission in contact with the Netherlands Government about the inadequate reception of asylum seekers and the conditions in place in the emergency shelters, which are intended for crises?
2. Does the Commission also take the view that the drastically increased waiting times in the Netherlands asylum procedure fall foul of Article 31 of the Asylum Procedures Directive?
3. Is the Commission considering initiating infringement proceedings if there is no improvement in the reception of asylum seekers and the procedures in place in the Netherlands?

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