

**Question for written answer P-007896/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU citizens residing in the UK

The anticipated future withdrawal of the UK from the EU is likely to have consequences for EU citizens who live in the UK. There is considerable uncertainty over the fate of EU citizens who have not yet attained permanent residence in the UK.

One particular area of concern is the situation of EU citizens who study or those who are homemakers. The Home Office refuses to recognise the rights of residence of students and homemakers if they do not hold private healthcare insurance, even though under the UK's National Health Services Acts, they have a right to NHS treatment in the UK.

In April 2012, the Commission announced that it was investigating the practice and issued a reasoned opinion against the UK (Commission 'Free movement: Commission asks the UK to uphold EU citizens' rights', Press release IP/12/417, 26 April 2012).

Could the Commission please confirm:

1. Whether the Commission's investigation is still open?
2. Whether the Commission has brought proceedings before the Court of Justice against the UK?
3. If not, can the Commission clarify what course of action it intends to pursue to ensure that the UK's practice is brought into compliance with EU law as soon as possible?