Question for written answer P-007302/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy (S&D)

Subject: Excessive fine particles and nitrogen oxides in air in the EU

This year, the Commission has launched a number of infringement procedures against Member States for failing to comply with Directive 2008/50. This directive regulates the levels of a number of air pollutants which pose a serious health risk and cause tens of thousands of deaths each year – in particular nitrogen oxides and fine particles.

Nonetheless, while this information is of great interest to the public and to those living in the EU, it is very difficult to find out how far these infringement procedures have got, or – even more importantly – what steps the Member States concerned are planning to take to improve their poor air quality.

- 1. Can the Commission say whether all the Member States concerned have responded to the concerns of the Commission, the guardian of the EU treaties?
- 2. Were their responses satisfactory? If not, in which Member States do the public authorities not care about air quality?

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