

**Question for written answer P-000799/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Lough Talt water supply

Lough Talt supplies drinking water to nearly 13 000 homes in South Sligo and North Mayo, Ireland. From February to November 2018 (i.e. for 10 months), these homes had no safe drinking water owing to contamination of the supply with cryptosporidium. As of January 2019, residents and businesses receiving their water from Lough Talt have again been told that their water is contaminated, and are once again entering into a prolonged and uncertain period with no safe drinking water. The level of treatment currently provided at Lough Talt is clearly not reaching adequate public health and safety standards.

1. Is the Commission aware that there has been no safe drinking water for 13 000 homes and businesses in parts of South Sligo and North Mayo for 12 of the last 14 months?
2. Can the Commission state what obligations the state has to provide safe and clean drinking water under EU law?
3. Can the Commission state what remedies are available to local communities who feel that there is no sense of urgency on the part of the authorities to provide them with safe water owing to their rural and peripheral location?