



Member of the European Parliament

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European Commission,
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Dear Commissioner,

Re: additional comprehensive sickness insurance requirements for economically non-active EU nationals residing in the UK

Thank you for your written answer to my recent parliamentary question (P-007896-16) confirming that infringement proceedings against the UK are ongoing with respect to the requirement that EU nationals must hold additional comprehensive sickness insurance cover in order to obtain a right of residence in the UK while studying or self-sufficient (economically non-active).

Following the outcome of the recent referendum on UK membership of the European Union, many of my constituents in London are applying for documents certifying permanent residence in the UK. The current interpretation of EU law by the UK authorities will directly impact on their applications as any time spent without private insurance cover while studying or self-sufficient is not being counted as continuous residence.

Given the length of time that has now passed since the launch of these infringement proceedings, and given the likely timescale for Brexit, I would urge the Commission to immediately refer this case to the Court of Justice of the EU. It would be extremely helpful for the CJEU to provide legal certainty on this issue before the UK leaves the European Union.

Thank you for your kind consideration; I look forward to your reply. I would be delighted to meet with you or your staff in order to discuss this matter further in person.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Lambert MEP