

Question for written answer E-003918/2026

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Structural breaches of EU reception standards for children in Dutch emergency asylum accommodation

On 21 September 2026, the Dutch Safety Board concluded that approximately 7 000 children in emergency asylum accommodation are systematically exposed to unsafe living conditions that pose serious risks to their development¹. Over 60 % of reception centres are now acting as emergency accommodation; children sometimes stay in such centres for years.

1. Does the Commission consider the circumstances identified by the Dutch Safety Board to be compatible with the applicable EU obligations regarding the reception of minors, both under Directive 2013/33/EU for the period prior to 12 June 2026 and under Directive (EU) 2024/1346 after that date, in particular with regard to an adequate standard of living, physical and mental health, protection from violence, education, special reception needs and the best interests of the child, and if so, how?
2. Has the Netherlands informed the Commission, in accordance with Article 20(10) and Article 32 of the Reception Directive (Directive (EU) 2024/1346), about the use of alternative reception facilities due to a temporary saturation of regular capacity, and how does the Commission reconcile the requirement that such derogations be temporary and as short as possible with the structural use of emergency reception in the Netherlands since 2021?
3. Also taking account of the EUAA's monitoring of reception conditions² in the Netherlands, does the Commission consider itself to be sufficiently informed at this stage to assess the conformity of these reception conditions with EU law? If not, what specific information is still lacking and when will that assessment be completed?

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¹ <http://onderzoeksraad.nl/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/kinderen-in-nood-1.pdf>.

² <https://ind.nl/nl/documenten/02-2026/public-summary-report-of-monitoring-exercise-netherlands-2025.pdf>.