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without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules
of Procedure

by Mr YEATS

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Delays in answering written questions
from members of the European Parliament

On 31 December 1978, there was a total of 266 written questions unanswered by the Commission. Of these questions, one had been submitted 9 months previously, one had been submitted 8 months previously, 3 had been submitted 6 months previously, 4 had been submitted 5 months previously, 13 had been submitted 4 months previously, 31 had been submitted 3 months previously and 64 had been submitted 2 months previously. 149 written questions had been submitted within the previous month.

Only the last-mentioned 149 questions could be answered within the specified time of one month for answering written questions.

Will the Commission explain why so many written questions are not answered within one month and in particular, why some of them have remained unanswered for such a long time?