

**Question for written answer E-000606/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Quantitative proof of the efficacy of the plant variety rights regime

In its answer to written question E-009257/12, the Commission states that 'taking into account the considerable amount of data produced each year by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), the Commission considers that quantitative data were available, in particular at the level of the CPVO', but that 'the data were not analysed by the Consultant', referring to the study completed for the Commission by GHK Consulting on the Evaluation of the Community Plant Variety Rights Acquis. However, the Consultant states in Section 3.2 of that report that it has analysed:

'CPVO data on:

- CPVRs, including comprehensive data on applications and rights granted from 1995-2011 for all plant varieties;
- Costs, including:

Fees for applying for, obtaining and maintaining CPVRs;

Fees charged for variety testing and estimated costs to national testing centres for conducting the tests;

- Technical reports sold by the CPVO to authorities in third countries; and
- The number of court cases'.

What additional data does the CPVO provide that the Commission believes will show that the Community Plant Variety Rights regime has helped in incentivising the creation of new plant varieties and that will undo the aforementioned conclusion by the Consultant on page 33 of its report that quantitative proof of the efficacy of this regulatory regime does not exist?