

**Question for written answer E-006163/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Julie Girling (ECR)

Subject: Further follow-up to moratorium on neonicotinoids

Further to written question E-004195/2014, the approval of neonicotinoids was also based on a risk assessment stating that they posed no significant unacceptable risk to bees. This was subsequently changed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 485/2013, thus demonstrating that conditions change.

Does the Commissioner agree that in order to complete a thorough risk assessment an analysis of the risks and benefits of products used should be carried out? In this case, the use of seeds treated with neonicotinoids may pose less of a risk than a multi-use spray of an alternative. This would be in line with the Integrated Pest Management approach favoured by the Commission.

Does the Commission intend to wait until the end of the two-year period before asking the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to carry out a review, or will the Commission request a review after the first season of use?