Question for written answer E-007441/2014 to the Commission

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Subject: The Commission's asbestos-related investigations

On 14 March 2013, the European Parliament passed a resolution on asbestos-related occupational health threats and prospects for abolishing all existing asbestos.

Can the Commission clarify how, and by what deadline, it intends to fulfil the requests made by Parliament, especially as regards the following objectives:

- paragraph 1(d): in the case of Member States who already implement compulsory screening schemes, increasing the efficiency of such schemes;
- paragraph 14: promoting the establishment of centres for the treatment and inertisation of waste containing asbestos, combined with phasing out all delivery of such waste to landfills;
- paragraph 21: developing proposals for legislation leading to action plans for asbestos removal and management;
- paragraph 28: including a coordinated strategy on asbestos in the upcoming Community Strategy for Health and Safety 2014-20; and
- paragraph 32: promoting and supporting research in order to secure procedures, such as the inertisation of waste containing asbestos, to deactivate active asbestos fibres and convert them into materials that do not pose public health risks?

Can the Commission please give precise answers, where possible referring to the situation in Italy?

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