

**Question for written answer E-008723/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Handling of e-waste

On 28 October 2014, the US periodical *Scientific American* reported that areas of Ghana have been turned into 'digital dumping grounds' where e-waste, or discarded electronics, are left in landfills, and that many local workers burn the plastic coatings to extract copper. Lead and lithium-ion batteries are considered to be particularly toxic. However, to combat this problem a new e-waste facility has opened in the Ghanaian town of Agbogbloshie, which is able to strip away plastic coverings on electronics without producing toxic fumes.

What is the Commission's position on e-waste, and what steps is the Commission taking to invest in facilities that can reduce its environmental impact?