

**Question for written answer E-009944/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Breast cancer

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in the world, and kills more women than any other cancer type. In the EU, a record 364 449 women discovered they had the disease in 2012. It is reported that, under the Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013), the EU invested EUR 160 million in breast cancer research. This notwithstanding, in this period the EU provided less funding for fewer projects, spending some EUR 240 million for 58 cancer research projects, than it did in the Sixth Framework Programme (2002-2006), in which EUR 480 million was devoted to 108 projects.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is the reason for the reduced budget allocations to projects in cancer research?
2. Has the Commission updated, or does it intend to update, the European Guidelines for Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis on the basis of new knowledge and evidence gained from research?