Question for written answer E-003458/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Franck Proust (PPE)

Subject: Mosquito control, research and treatment

I have already asked a question concerning the use of pesticides along the Mediterranean arc (P-009260/2014). I now feel bound to warn the Commission of the urgency we must grant to research into certain pesticides. Some adult mosquitoes are developing significant resistance to the products currently in use. The tiger mosquito in particular, a potential carrier of the dengue and chikungunya viruses, is present around the Mediterranean rim and in the Camargue region especially. New investment in research is urgently required. However, the market for this type of product appears very limited, being composed solely of local authorities. Little private funding is therefore available. Government has a central role to play.

- 1. Does the Commission provide financial resources to fund research into new pesticides for mosquito control?
- 2. Does it know whether specific measures exist in Member States, including France, to fund this type of research?