

**Question for written answer E-006239/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Relevance of the results of animal testing for humans

In its six reports on animal testing (1994, 1999, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013), the Commission calculated the number of animals used to achieve each scientific objective. What it has never considered, however, is the relevance of the results and, in particular, the link between animal testing and human health.

In other words, the Union is happy to accept that animal testing is relevant, without ever demonstrating or mounting any sort of critique of its effectiveness or usefulness. It would have made more sense to assess its relevance as a method before scrutinising its implications.

1. Will the Commission provide an assessment of the relevance of animal testing for research and applications relating to human health?
2. The Commission is keen to see animal testing replaced by alternative methods. Will it therefore carry out a study of the costs and the effectiveness of these methods as compared to vivisection?