

**Question for written answer E-009933/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pyrethroid group insecticides

On 9 January 2015, the journal *'Environnement International'* published a study conducted by researchers at INSERM (*'l'Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale'*).

This study analyses the consequences of exposing children to pyrethroid group insecticides. These substances now make up part of the everyday environment for children, who are more at risk of exposure due to their greater proximity to soil particles (which act as reservoirs for pollutants), their more frequent hand-to-mouth contacts, and their contact with anti-lice shampoos, etc.

It is claimed that the use of these insecticides has a direct impact on children's cognitive performances, in particular, on their concentration, environmental understanding and memory. This study thus draws attention to a public health issue that is worrying in terms both of its effects and the number of people affected.

1. Will the Commission carry out an assessment of the risks to children's health posed by pyrethroid group insecticides?
2. Does the Commission feel it necessary to take precautionary measures while it awaits the results of such an assessment? If so, what precautionary measures?