

**Question for written answer E-010115/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Noise nuisance from aviation: what steps is the Commission taking?

On 16 April 2015, Regulation (EU) No 598/2014¹ was adopted. Article 1 lays down that measures to limit noise nuisance affecting those living near airports must be taken 'in accordance with the Balanced Approach'.

The Commission's answer to Question E-003435/2006² indicates that the Commission intended to perform environmental impact assessments to evaluate the benefits, costs and impact of certain measures to limit noise nuisance.

1. In applying this 'Balanced Approach', how does the Commission weigh the sectoral economic interests of aviation against the health of local residents around an airport?
2. Have there been any complaints from the aviation industry or citizens' groups in response to which the Commission has applied this Balanced Approach, and can the Commission publish full details of the way in which it weighed up conflicting interests in all cases in which the principle has been applied?
3. What were the findings of these environmental impact assessments, which were conducted in 2007 and 2009?

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014R0598>

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bWQ%2bE-2006-3435%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fNL&language=NL>