

**Question for written answer E-010613/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Savings in the Commission's expenditure on paper - economic and environmental benefits

One of my constituents has told me of his surprise concerning what he sees as the 'pointless' use of paper by the Commission.

The example he has passed on to me is that, when he writes to the Commission, he receives a letter back informing him that a reply to his suggestion will be sent to him in a few months' time. Even when he sends an e-mail to the Commission, he is sent the corresponding information by post. In my constituent's view, when he forwards a suggestion by e-mail, the response should at least be sent by way of the same medium.

What has the evolution of the Commission's expenditure on paper been over the past five years? Has the use of electronic means of communication been encouraged during this period? What measures has it promoted or does it intend to promote in this regard, and how does it calculate the economic and environmental benefits produced thereby?