

**Question for written answer E-001759/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU-funded School Fruit Scheme

The EU-funded School Fruit Scheme provides school children with fruit and vegetables with a view to encouraging good eating habits among young people. Parents from state schools in Malta have expressed concern over the safety of the fruit and vegetables handed out to their children for consumption, owing to the high pesticide residues they may have.

Can the Commission:

1. provide information on whether relevant checks and assessments are carried out by Member States to ensure that products given to children are of a good quality and standard?
2. confirm that relevant tests on fruit handed out in schools in Malta and Gozo were carried out in a timely manner, without delays, and that the results were in line with established criteria?