

**Question for written answer E-002473/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Electrical and electronic waste

Waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE), such as computers, television sets, refrigerators and mobile phones, account for an ever greater portion of waste in the EU – current estimates suggest that more than 12 million tonnes of electrical waste will be generated in 2020. WEEE could cause serious problems for the environment and for health if not properly controlled. The production of modern electronics involves the use of rare and expensive substances (about 10 % of the world's gold, for example), so recycling those products would bring clear benefits. The objective of the directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment is to reduce the flow of waste and step up recycling efforts.

1. What action will the Commission take if Member States do not implement the directive?
2. How will the Commission ensure that Member States report their progress in the implementation of the directive and meet its objectives?
3. What steps will the Commission take to set up a waste quality control system? Who will carry out the checks? Is the Commission working on control mechanisms?