

**Question for written answer E-002710/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Glyphosate

It is my understanding that the European Chemicals Agency is investigating the chemical glyphosate, a chemical used in herbicides. A report is due in 2017.

In light of the findings by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which found that glyphosate and its derivatives can cause genotoxicity and therefore the development of cancers, can the Commission shed light on how this chemical is being considered in its upcoming report?

Furthermore, if the chemical is being considered for approval, can the Commission outline the basis on which the chemical is being approved?