

**Question for written answer E-003175/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Milk Market Observatory

We are pleased to hear that on 15 March 2016 the Council and the Commission finally acknowledged the crisis in the agriculture industry. Our attitude to the proposed measures is therefore largely positive, but we have some questions about the Meat Market Observatory.

Given that the Commission launched the similar Milk Market Observatory as long ago as 16 April 2014, and that this body is proceeding very slowly in reporting data and producing conclusions, we have the following questions:

1. Has an evaluation been carried out on the Milk Market Observatory?
2. If so, what lessons have been learnt for the development of the Meat Market Observatory?
3. How does the Commission hope to speed up the reporting of data and the formulation of conclusions?