

**Question for written answer E-005063/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Questions to the Commission

Given the sheer volume of questions which the Commission receives each month and which must be answered, the five questions per month per MEP limit with a maximum of three sub-questions is understandable. However, the questions play an important role in Parliament's duty to monitor the Commission and often in clarifying issues and collecting information for parliamentary work.

1. For many questions, the quality of the answer leaves much to be desired. Very specific questions often receive very generic answers. How does the Commission justify the lack of substantial content in many of its answers?
2. How will the Commission improve the quality of its answers, so that they are more detailed, respond to the question more conclusively and contain more factually relevant content?
3. According to what criteria does the Commission prioritise the questions to be answered?