

Question for written answer E-005767/2016
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Energy efficiency and renewable energy at the European Institutions

On 23 June 2016, the European Parliament voted on the progress report on renewable energy in the EU. Paragraph 79, stating that the European Institutions must set a good example in the field of renewable energy, was approved by a large majority. But there is also much that those institutions could yet do with regard to energy efficiency. In that way, expenditure of tax revenue can be reduced and energy can be used more sparingly. Everyone will benefit from this.

1. Does the Council have an energy saving strategy for its own buildings and agencies?
2. Can the Council outline the current state of affairs with regard to the energy consumption of its own buildings (green or conventional energy, level of consumption and cost price)?
3. Is the Council considering purchasing only green energy and thus setting a good example to the general public?