

**Question for written answer E-005974/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Working animals used by the Commission

It is not uncommon for large building complexes to make use of animals in grounds maintenance and security. For example, so-called working animals are used in 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

In what capacity does the Commission utilise working animals? If the Commission is hiring working animals, what is the cost of their services? And, how is the Commission ensuring the welfare of the animals?