

**Question for written answer E-006191/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors - exclusion of hazard characterisation elements

Numerous leading scientists and scientific bodies have provided expert opinions on the issue of endocrine disruptors. These include the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the Scientific Committee for Consumer Safety (SCCS), and, most recently, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), which published a consensus statement in April 2016. All have concluded that potency and other hazard characterisation elements (e.g. severity and reversibility) are important factors in determining the actual risks posed to human health and the environment by the substances concerned, and that these factors should therefore be taken into account in regulatory decision-making.

1. In light of the above, can the Commission explain why these critical factors have been excluded from the draft proposal on criteria for identifying endocrine-disrupting properties, presented on 15 June 2016 and referring to biocides and pesticides?
2. What principles does the Commission follow when deciding which scientific opinions should be given due consideration and which not?