

**Question for written answer E-007040/2016  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Consequences of the proposed directive on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons and the possibility of transitional provisions

I submitted a question to the Commission on 24 February regarding the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (P-001605/2016). The reply I have received is not only inadequate, but was also given long past the six-week deadline for reply, which is unacceptable.

My question regarded the risk that legally owned civilian firearms will be diverted to the illegal market as a consequence of the ban, and whether the Commission is aware of the number of weapons that this will potentially concern. As an answer, the Commission stated that the number of prohibited firearms can only be determined by Member States when the negotiations on the conditions for such prohibition in the directive will be finalised by the European Parliament and the Council.

1. Considering the existence of an evaluation made beforehand, which recognises this risk without addressing it, how is it possible that the Commission can devise a directive without being aware of the potential consequences in advance?
2. When does the Commission expect to know the number of potentially prohibited weapons?