

**Question for written answer E-007108/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Julie Girling (ECR)**

Subject: Consequences for producers of the decision taken in 2008 to increase the minimum liver weights for foie gras production

In Written Question E-015352/2015 I asked the Commission whether it had 'conducted an impact assessment on the consequences for producers of the decision taken in 2008 to increase the minimum liver weights for foie gras production, in terms of both business revenue and changes in production patterns', whether 'the Commission agree[d] that EU legislation should move in the direction of higher – rather than lower – animal welfare standards in foie gras production', and whether the Commission would 'bring forward a review of the minimum liver weights established in 2008, in order to permit producers who do not use gavage to trade their products as foie gras'.

The answer given by the Commission on 9 March 2016 refers to answers provided to previous questions, none of which answers the questions I tabled.

Can the Commission please clearly answer the three questions asked in E-015352/2015?