

**Question for written answer E-007499/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Review of the emission values of biofuels in the Renewable Energy Directive

The Commission's Directorate-General for Energy commissioned the Joint Research Centre in 2013 to review the potential and current emission values of biofuels included in Annex 5 to the Renewable Energy Directive. The Research Centre primarily consulted the JEC consortium of oil companies and car manufacturers, which received almost three years to take a position on the matter. However, the other organisations concerned received only a few weeks for consultation and to make their observations.

The review report was published in August 2016. The organisations concerned received a very short time again – only three weeks – to make their observations. Moreover, only the LCA experts chosen by the Research Centre had a chance to attend and speak at the oral consultation on 28 September 2016.

I would like to ask the Commission the following:

1. On the basis of what principles and considerations did the Research Centre choose the LCA experts?
2. Why did it not invite biofuel industry representatives to this important consultation?
3. In the light of the Research Centre's review report, what legislative steps is the Commission planning to take?