

**Question for written answer E-001197/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Solar panels and limited resources

The move from fossil fuels to renewable energy is a major challenge at the moment. Many people see solar panels as one of the many ways of producing sustainable energy.

The problem with solar panels, however, is that they use silver, which is a scarce resource. According to the think tank Cumulus, it is estimated that silver resources will have been used up in around 22 years' time.

Is the Commission aware of the problems involving raw materials and the possibility that renewable energy production, for example using solar panels, might not be particularly sustainable?

What steps is the Commission taking to shed light on this matter and identify solutions?

What action will the Commission be taking in future?