

**Question for written answer E-003392/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Transparency about EU funds for the development of drones and about a human rights impact assessment

On 27 February 2014 Parliament adopted, with 534 votes to 49 and 10 abstentions, a resolution on the use of armed drones¹. Paragraph 5 of the resolution called 'further on the Commission to keep Parliament properly informed about the use of EU funds for all research and development projects associated with the construction of drones; calls for human rights impact assessments in respect of further drone development projects'. These two demands are repeated in paragraph 179 of Parliament's resolution of 14 December 2016 on the Annual Report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter 2015².

1. Will the Commission respond to the two very precise demands expressed by Parliament in the aforementioned paragraphs 5 and 179? If yes, when can Parliament expect an answer? If not, why not?
2. Has the Commission conducted a human rights impact assessment with regard to drone development projects and, if so, when will the Commission make the assessment publicly available? If not, why not?
3. Has the Commission conducted a human rights impact assessment with regards to relevant technology in the context of the pilot project on defence research and the preparatory action on defence research?

¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2014)0172.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0502