

**Question for written answer E-003497/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Children born and brought up in IS-controlled territory

According to estimates in January 2017, there were 460 French children in Syria. This is particularly worrying in the light of the findings of the 2016 Europol annual report on terrorism, which stated that 'minors are ... desensitised to, and participating in, violence'. The fact that these children, having been indoctrinated, might later come back to Europe gives equal cause for concern.

In July 2016 I tabled a written question to the Commission about recommendations to be issued to Member States in order both to help them cope with the problem of child returnees born and brought up in IS territory and to encourage them to exchange best practice with a view to setting up appropriate facilities and programmes.

In its reply the Commission gave to understand that guidelines would be put forward and communicated to the Member States before the end of 2016. To date, however, nothing has been published.

Bearing that point in mind, how far has the Commission progressed with the arrangements for taking care of the children concerned?

Can it confirm that it will issue guidance on this matter?