

**Question for written answer E-004006/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Insufficient powers of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board to hold up new directives that disregard any impact on employment

Every major new European directive must be subjected to assessments of its economic, social and environmental impact. The quality of such assessments is checked by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB).

In the case of the directive on preventive restructuring frameworks, submitted to Parliament in May 2017, the RSB rightly drew the author's attention to the fact that insufficient consideration had been given to the directive's impact on employment. Nevertheless, the proposal received the green light from the RSB.

The Commission's timetable should not prevent the RSB from holding up a proposal for a directive without its impact on employment being quantified.

Has the Commission considered giving the RSB greater powers over the Commission's various DGs which originate proposals for directives?