

**Question for written answer E-001219/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reduction in plastic goods consumption

Under Law 4496/2017, provisions were introduced to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags in line with Directive 2015/720/EU.

It is calculated that that less than 30 % of manufactured plastics are is still in use and that, of the remaining 70 %, only 9 % has been recycled, while 12 % has been incinerated and 79 % disposed of landfills or simply dumped, especially into the oceans. Furthermore, around 13 billion tonnes of plastic refuse have accumulated worldwide.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission take action to find substitutes for other widely used plastic products and which products?
2. How will it split plastic waste management costs, which are currently being borne principally by the State?
3. What measures will it take regarding all Member States to ensure that these products are in fact recycled and do not simply end up in the sea?