

**Question for written answer P-005623/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Julie Girling (ECR)

Subject: Impact of crop diversification on blackcurrants

In my region there are some growers who grow only blackcurrants on their entire holding. The productive life of these bushes can be over 10 years. Under current definitions they could be treated as a multiannual crop and would be required to be rotated as part of crop diversification plans.

It is my view that Parliament did not intend for all horticultural bush crops to be treated as multiannual and will expect exemptions to be available for some growers. Can you please advise me of the situation following the agreement on delegated acts?