

**Question for written answer P-000679/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: What are the final results of the Commission's laboratory tests on honey?

Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, informed Members of Parliament at the meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on 15 March 2016 that according to the preliminary results adulterated honey had been found in 17% of the mixed honey samples collected on the internal market and 31% of the mixed honey samples collected at external EU border stations in response to the European honey adulteration scandal.

The final results are eagerly awaited by consumer protection bodies and honey producers throughout the EU. The latter have informed me recently that adulterated honey from South-East Asia, mainly from China, is still present on the internal EU market in great quantities, resulting in continued low producer prices for honey.

Can the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety please answer the following questions:

1. According to the final results, what percentage of the mixed honey samples collected have proved to contain adulterated honey?
2. According to the final results, what percentage of the imported honey samples collected at external EU border stations have proved to contain adulterated honey?
3. Why is the central laboratory testing of the collected honey samples taking so long?