

**Question for written answer P-000524/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**John Flack (ECR)**

Subject: Publication of Commission study: 'Welfare of farmed fish: Common practices during transport and at slaughter'

The Commission's recently published study 'Welfare of farmed fish: Common practices during transport and at slaughter' was carried out to determine whether animal welfare aspects should be taken into account within legislative proposals.

The contractor's terms of reference (TOR) instruct the contractor to 'identify to which degree animal welfare issues are addressed during transport and at the time of killing', and state that 'statistical information should be provided on ... the number of fish transported, slaughtered and processed.'

The study published does not contain data on the number of individual fish involved. Only data on volume of fish is given.

Is this data already available or is it being investigated elsewhere?

If not, how is the Commission assessing the animal welfare impact of these practices, without data on the number of animals involved?