

**Question for written answer P-004322/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Gaps in the impact assessment on the proposal for a directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment

A first draft of the impact assessment related to the proposal was sent to the Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board dated 5 March, just three weeks after the public consultation was closed.

The impact assessment disclosed on 28 May (COM(2018)0340) seems to fail in properly assessing the wide range of products impacted by the proposal. Around two years were required, we understand, to carry out an impact assessment of the Plastics Bags Directive, which covers just one product type.

1. Why does the impact assessment make no analysis of the role of single-use plastic containers, cups and other items in preserving food hygiene, in protecting public health by limiting the spread of infectious diseases and in ensuring consumer safety, given that these are vital elements to take into account when assessing the overall sustainability of these products and taking decisions to propose reducing their availability on the market?
2. Why did the Commission not carry out an analysis of the employment impacts in the food & beverage service packaging sector that is specifically targeted by Articles 4 and 5 of the proposal?