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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Question for Question Time in committee 001/2011
under Rule 197 of the Rules of Procedure
by Linda McAvan and Christel Schaldemose

Subject: Endocrine disrupters and cocktail effects

The fourth implementation report on the Community Strategy for Endocrine Disrupters (COM (1999) 706)¹ was published in August 2011 (SEC(2011) 1001). Back in 2009, the Commission commissioned an external study on the "state of the art assessment of endocrine disrupters" to provide a basis for (i) the development of scientific criteria for the identification of endocrine disrupters; and (ii) the review and possible revision of the Community Strategy. An interim report was published in January 2011², the completed report is foreseen for the second half of 2011.

- *What are the results and the state-of-play of the work done so far on endocrine disrupting chemicals, in particular regarding the establishment of scientific criteria to determine endocrine disrupting properties of chemicals)?*
- *What progress has the Commission made in drawing up recommendations on how to address the effect of "chemical cocktails" consisting of different substances as demanded by the Council of Environment Ministers in December 2009³?*

¹ for an overview see http://ec.europa.eu/environment/endocrine/index_en.htm

² http://ec.europa.eu/environment/endocrine/documents/summary_state_science.pdf

³ Combination effects of chemicals - Council conclusions 22 December 2009 - document 17820/09 - <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st17/st17820.en09.pdf>