

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0329/04

by Jillian Evans (Verts/ALE) and Ian Hudghton (Verts/ALE)  
to the Commission

Subject:           Endometriosis

Is the Commission aware of the fact that data from the world's largest research registry on endometriosis shows that women with endometriosis and their families have a heightened risk of breast cancer, melanoma, and ovarian cancer? There is also a greater risk of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. These findings confirm other studies, including a study of over 20 000 endometriosis cases in the Swedish cancer registry, which also found an increased risk of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in women with endometriosis.

In the context of the EU's Women and Health policies and the resolution of the European Parliament in 1999<sup>1</sup> on the state of women's health, what policies, programmes and projects are envisaged by the Commission to pay due attention to endometriosis, to coordinate research on possible causes and cures, and to increase awareness amongst women of this disease?

---

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 68.