

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3475/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Commission opinion poll on seal hunting

Over the period between late December 2007 and mid-February 2008 the Commission conducted an on-line opinion poll with a view to determining public views on seal hunting and the trade in seal products.

Democratically legitimated European Union bodies which enjoy the support of much broader sections of society than could ever be covered by an opinion poll such as this are already addressing these issues.

What, therefore, is the purpose of the opinion poll? Is it the Commission's intention to undermine the democratic opinion-forming process in the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee?