

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3477/08
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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.

In an effort to counter concerted efforts to manipulate this opinion poll, which is intended to provide a reliable snapshot of public opinion and might provide an argument in favour of decisive changes in Community policy, the answers were to be analysed in detail.

Has the Commission carried out such a detailed analysis of the answers with a view to identifying identically or similarly worded answers and/or multiple answers from single individuals? If such an analysis was carried out, to what extent were these phenomena identified?