

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3416/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Bee mortality: emergency measures

At the plenary sitting held on Thursday, 20 November the Parliament adopted by a large majority (485 votes to 13, with 5 abstentions) a resolution tabled by Neil Parish (B6-0579/2008) calling on the Commission to 'take immediate counter-measures' against the serious health crisis in the bee-keeping sector.

MEPs are urging the Commission to use the CAP health check to introduce measures which would curb the massive bee mortality in Europe.

These include taking the necessary steps to avoid inadequate pollination, making provision for financial assistance to bee-keepers who experience difficulties due to the death of their bees and inviting all Member States to lend immediate support to the sector.

What measures does the Commission plan to take to ensure that Parliament's resolution is implemented?