

**Question for written answer E-007160/2011
to the Commission**

Rule 117

William (The Earl of) Dartmouth (EFD)

Subject: Review of glyphosate

The new report, 'Roundup and birth defects: Is the public being kept in the dark?', presents evidence that even the pesticide industry knew from its own tests as long ago as the 1980s that the herbicide glyphosate/Roundup causes birth defects in laboratory animals at high doses, and has known since the 1990s that these effects also occurred at lower and mid doses. Approval has currently been extended until 2015, but the Commission's slowness in preparing new data requirements for the more stringent new pesticide regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 means that glyphosate will not be reviewed under up-to-date data requirements until 2030.

1. In the light of the evidence in the new report, will the Commission cancel its delay in reviewing glyphosate/Roundup?
2. Will the Commission arrange a review of glyphosate/Roundup as soon as the new data requirements are published, under up-to-date data requirements?
3. Given that the German federal office BVL told the Commission as recently as last year that there was no evidence of teratogenicity (ability to cause birth defects) for glyphosate, will the Commission ask BVL to publicly retract its advice?