

**Question for written answer E-010250/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: New research on wind turbines and their impact on human health

In answer to Written Question E-002513/2012, the Commission stated that 'no specific study on potential negative impact on human health has been commissioned by the Commission in recent years and no scientific evidence has been presented to it to demonstrate a direct causal link between wind turbines and adverse human health effects'.

A large body of evidence now exists to suggest that wind turbines do impact human health. In November 2012 the first ever science-based, peer-reviewed study on the issue was published by Canadian and British experts. The new report is called 'Effects of industrial wind turbine noise on sleep and health' and was published by 'Noise and Health', a bimonthly interdisciplinary international journal.

1. Is the Commission aware of the publication of this new report?
2. Will the Commission consider that this Written Question constitutes the presentation of scientific evidence demonstrating a direct link between wind turbines and human health effects? If not, would the Commission please elucidate how scientific evidence is to be presented?
3. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that this new research is given full consideration? Will the Commission now prepare its own study into the adverse impacts of wind turbines on human health?