

**Question for written answer E-004369/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Canned hunting and lion trophy imports

'Canned hunting' is the practice of shooting captive-bred lions in enclosed spaces for sport. Parts of lion carcasses are then retained as 'trophies' and, in many cases, brought back to Member States by their owners.

Would the Commission consider introducing legislation to ban the import of such 'trophies' into the EU? Such a ban would create a disincentive for the continuation of this abhorrent practice and is consistent with Parliament's resolution of 15 January 2014 on wildlife crime (2013/2747(RSP)), which called for a possible revision of the EU's legal provisions governing the import of hunting trophies into Member States.