

**Question for written answer E-000142/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Clean Air Package

We strongly support the Commission's proposal for a Clean Air Package. It has the potential to reduce air pollution in the EU, which is a major problem and causes ten times more deaths than road accidents. In addition, according to the Commission's impact assessment (SWD(2013)0532), the economic harm caused by air pollution in terms of damaged crops (EUR 3 bn), extra healthcare expenditure (EUR 4 bn), lost working days (EUR 15 bn), etc., is huge.

We also welcome this package because the EU legislation currently in place is not being adhered to or implemented, and if this continues the Union will not reach its long-term air quality objective.

1. Is there anything that the new Commission, now that it has taken office, wishes to change in the original impact assessment (SWD(2013)0531)?
2. More specifically, does the new Commission agree with the statement in that impact assessment to the effect that the Clean Air Package entails 'overall benefits in the range of EUR 45-150 (41-146) billion per annum, 10 to 35 times the compliance costs'?¹
3. What does the new Commission consider to be the best means of reducing air pollution in the EU?

¹ SWD(2013)0531, p.71.