

**Question for written answer E-007633/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact assessment on the statute for a European mutual society

In its answer to Written Question E-001717/2015, the Commission stated that, in view of the current lack of unanimous support for a European mutual society statute, it does not intend at this stage to initiate such a proposal and that therefore 'there is no need for the Commission to publish the text of the impact assessment'.

Can the Commission explain why it intends to keep the impact assessment secret, and does the assessment make the case for such a statute?

How does this refusal to publish it square with the Commission's proclaimed support for openness and transparency?

Does the Commission not think that wider consideration of the impact assessment might take discussions on this issue forward on the basis of informed debate, or is it opposed to informed debate?