

**Question for written answer E-001272/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Air pollution in the UK

The latest report by Public Health England in the UK shows that the number of premature deaths from particulate pollution is rising. The percentage of premature deaths from PM2.5 in England rose from 5.1% in 2012 to 5.3% in 2013. UK Government figures suggest that 29 000 people die prematurely from air pollution across the UK each year.

With reference to the above points:

1. What action has been taken to ensure that the UK meets EU targets for air pollution?
2. What further steps can be taken to reduce the amounts of harmful particulates in the atmosphere?
3. What can be done to raise awareness of the dangers of particulate pollution?