

**Question for written answer E-002798/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Bernd Lucke (ECR)

Subject: The Commission's right of initiative

1. Is it true that the Commission follows each of the legislative procedures it initiates and that it takes part, closely and at times actively, in the meetings of the European Parliament's committees, in the plenary debates and in trilogue negotiations?
2. Does the Commission consider, on the basis of its experience with the legislative process of the European Union, that legislative work is adversely affected because of the involvement in it of representatives of parties that have fewer than five seats in the European Parliament? If so, in which specific legislative procedures was this clearly apparent in the Commission's opinion and what precisely were the adverse effects?
3. If the answer to the second question is in the affirmative: to what extent does the Commission consider that the adverse effect on the legislative procedure can be explained for systematic reasons by the small size of the parliamentary representation of a party?