

**Question for written answer E-004550/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
Bernd Lucke (ECR)

Subject: Reform of the electoral law of the European Union

Can the Council answer the following questions in connection with the European Parliament resolution of 11 November 2015 on the reform of the electoral law of the European Union, which proposes, for example, a minimum threshold of at least 3% for Member States with more than 26 parliamentary seats:

1. On the basis of its experience with the EU legislative process of the European Union, does the Council consider 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?
2. Can the Council give specific examples of legislative procedures which have been adversely affected in this way and outline the problems which arose?
3. To what extent does the Council consider that the adverse impact on the legislative procedure in such cases can specifically be explained by the fact that a party has so few MEPs?