

**Question for written answer E-002341/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Increasing numbers of children affected by malformations and tumours in Italy and anticipated number of deaths exceeded by 12 000, a situation compounded by social and financial hardship

According to the Fifth Sentieri report¹ on the epidemiological monitoring programme for contaminated site rehabilitation, the number of children affected by malformations and tumours is on the rise as a result of pollution.

Furthermore, the anticipated number of deaths has been exceeded by 12 000 in areas affected by heavy pollution in the form of chemical industries, contaminated groundwater or asbestos fibres.

The report gives details of 45 rehabilitation sites of national interest (SNI), four of which are situated in Sicily (Biancavilla, Gela, Milazzo and Priolo) and two in Sardinia (Porto Torres and Sulcis-Iglesiente-Guspinese).

The social and financial hardship faced by the residents of these areas makes them still more vulnerable, placing their lives at greater risk.

Social and economic indicators for the areas in question are currently incomplete, containing insufficient information regarding access to health services for example.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the findings of the Sentieri report?
2. What action will it take to protect the populations affected?
3. Will it seek the introduction of a European epidemiological monitoring programme for the contaminated areas?

¹ http://www.epiprev.it/materiali/2019/EP2-3_Suppl1/Sentieri_FullText.pdf