

**Question for written answer E-004451/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Exposing hyperactive children and children with behavioural problems to smoking

According to a new US scientific study, children exposed to smoking for the first four years of their lives are more likely to display symptoms of hyperactivity and behavioural problems.

It was found that the higher the dose of nicotine to which children were exposed, the more susceptible they were to hyperactivity and behavioural problems. This, according to the researchers, is consistent with findings from animal studies that show that nicotine has an effect on brain development.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

What action does it intend to take to combat and prevent the passive smoking to which children are exposed and the effects of this on their health?