

**Question for written answer E-006205/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Fur farms

The government in Denmark recently called for all farmed mink to be culled in order to stop the spread of coronavirus on mink farms. Last year, Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis drew the attention of animal welfare organisations as he tried to make fur farms socially acceptable through the back door. I would like to ask the following in connection with this:

1. Are there EU-wide minimum requirements for keeping animals for fur production as there are in Germany?
2. Is there EU-wide support for fur farms and, if so, should the Commission not consider suspending it immediately?
3. Before healthy animals have to be killed, is it not about time to ensure a Europe-wide closure of such farms and in doing so promote animal welfare, and why did the then Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis try to make these fur farms socially acceptable again?