

**Question for written answer E-002494/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Request for more information on the presence of asbestos in the buildings of the EU institutions

On Thursday 29 April, a staff notice at Parliament announced that works would begin on the Strasbourg site to remove asbestos from the restaurant area of the Churchill building.

In the light of the draft report on protecting workers from asbestos – recently under discussion in the EMPL Committee – it is somewhat surprising to discover that there is asbestos on Parliament's premises and worrying to think that it might also be present on the premises of other European institutions and agencies.

Indeed, this might well be the case, since the EU's building stock largely dates back to before its 2005 ban on the use of this substance that is highly carcinogenic and hazardous both when it is in place and upon its removal.

In view of this:

1. Has the Commission already mapped all the buildings it owns or rents that might contain asbestos, or does it intend to do so?
2. What measures does it intend to take to protect all staff working in its buildings?
3. Does it have any similar plans to Parliament to remove the asbestos from its premises, and has it estimated the cost of clearing and disposing of the waste asbestos?