Question for written answer E-001970/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Sara Skyttedal (PPE)

Subject: Conclusions from national authority experts on tobacco policy

In her answer to Written Question E-001031/2022, Commissioner Stella Kyriakides chose to refer solely to the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks's conclusions on the issue of harm reduction in tobacco and nicotine policy. In doing so, she thereby ignored a long list of reports from other institutions and authorities, including 'A Method for Comparing the Impact on Carcinogenicity of Tobacco Products: A Case Study on Heated Tobacco Versus Cigarettes', published in 2020 by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands.

I would therefore like to ask the following:

1. When drawing on 'the most robust scientific evidence in establishing a regulatory approach' on the role of nicotine products, will the Commission include scientific assessments produced by reputable European national authorities, such as the Dutch RIVM or German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, that compare the varying risks associated with the use of different products containing nicotine?