

**Question for written answer E-003394/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Administrative burden and supply chain regulation

Commissioners Bangemann and Verheugen, who are responsible for industry, have already spoken out in favour of reducing bureaucracy for companies and small and medium-sized enterprises. Until 2014, Edmund Stoiber was even employed as a special advisor to the Commission, focusing on the reduction of bureaucracy. Since then, however, the complete opposite has happened. According to the German Federal Ministry of Justice, 57 % of the administrative burden on companies stems from EU law.

1. What staffing and administrative costs do companies in the Union have to shoulder owing to supply chain regulations and sustainability reports alone?
2. How many officials are expected to read and check these reports and in which authorities across the EU?

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