

**Question for written answer E-003662/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Alarm over the number of outbreaks and deaths caused by zoonotic infections

A study published by *BMJ Global Health* claims that spillover events have caused global deaths from animal-born (or zoonotic) diseases to increase by approximately 8.7 % every year and could, moreover, lead to a more than twelvefold rise in fatalities.

The paper concludes that the number of filovirus, SARS Coronavirus 1, Nipah virus and Machupo virus outbreaks could grow exponentially and thus pose a risk to a considerable part of the global population.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of this study?
2. How will it prevent and contain outbreaks of zoonotic diseases, particularly of the four mentioned above?

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