

**Question for written answer E-000656/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Legislative proposal on the screening and registration of asbestos in buildings

In its legislative-initiative report of 19 October 2021 entitled 'Protecting workers from asbestos', Parliament called on the Commission to present a legislative proposal for the mandatory screening and registration of asbestos in buildings.

In response, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced in her letter of intent of 14 September 2022, which stemmed from conclusions from the Conference on the Future of Europe, a number of new proposals, including a new initiative on the screening and registration of asbestos in buildings.

In its Communication of 28 September 2022 on working towards an asbestos-free future: a European approach to addressing the health risks of asbestos, the Commission committed to putting forward a legislative proposal on the screening and registration of asbestos in 2023. Accordingly, this initiative was announced in the Commission work programme for 2023 and was to be put forward by the Commission on 13 June 2023. The Commission later announced that the proposal would be postponed to the third quarter of 2023 and it was then postponed again to the fourth and last quarter of 2023.

Can the Commission please clarify the current status of this much anticipated proposal and say when it expects to put forward the proposal?

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