

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1382/07
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to the Commission

Subject: European Schools: policy on enrolment for the 2007/2008 school year

The policy of the European Schools in Brussels on enrolment for the 2007/2008 school year prescribes that, in the case of the English, German, French, Italian and Dutch sections and for nursery classes and the first, second and third years of primary school, only the brothers and sisters of pupils already attending the schools can be admitted to the existing schools, while all other pupils will be enrolled in Berkendael/Brussels IV.

This means that it would be possible to ascertain the maximum number of children entitled to be enrolled in each of these classes by counting the number of children currently enrolled in the year below and adding the number of children who are siblings of pupils already attending the school in question. It would also be possible to make the same calculation for future years in order to ascertain the impact this enrolment policy would have on existing classes and language sections if the current rules continued to be applied in future.

Can the Commission state whether the Central Enrolment Authority (CEA) has arranged for this calculation to be made?

If so, can the Commission give the results by language section, class and school year?

If not, could the Commission explain why this simple exercise has not been carried out and how the CEA will be able to determine enrolment policy in the medium term without such basic information at its disposal?