

**Priority question for written answer P-002114/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: List of strategic materials

In the Critical Raw Materials Regulation, the current methodology for drawing up the list of strategic materials seems to be focused primarily on the short term, when actually it is crucial that a long-term strategic approach be taken in line with the proposed targets for 2050. It is therefore essential to assess long-term cumulative demand and compare it with the reserves available.

Transparency with regard to selection criteria and assessment results is also vital to build trust. One particularly noticeable aspect is the fact that aluminium does not appear on the list of strategic materials, even though mention is made of the strategic role it plays.

With the above in mind:

1. Why has aluminium not been included in the list of strategic materials when its strategic role is mentioned in both the impact assessment and the Joint Research Centre's foresight report?
2. Does the Commission plan to publish the results and criteria according to which strategic materials are selected?
3. Are additional methods being considered to ensure a long-term approach, such as comparing cumulative demand with regard to the 2050 targets with the economic availability of materials?

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