Priority question for written answer P-000483/2024 to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Procedure relating to the Joint Research Centre’s study on the environmental impact of different types of packaging

Following the criticism of the Commission’s impact assessment on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, the Commission’s Joint Research Centre was instructed to prepare a new impact assessment in spring 2023. The initial results of the study were presented back September, but a completed study has still not been published.

During the process, the paper industry provided new data – verified by third parties – which the Joint Research Centre then failed to use. Industry representatives were later informed that old data had been used instead. The unsatisfactory explanation given for this was that the new data were not shared on time, but this is not true.

This procedure leads us to suspect that the Joint Research Centre has, for ideological reasons, chosen to ignore new, verified data from certain industries. With these concerns in mind, we would like answers to the following questions.

1. When will the full study be published?

2. Results based on a type of life-cycle analysis were published back in September, but the data used to produce those results have still not been published many months later. Why was it important to publish the results at an early stage? Why have the data used still not been published five months on?

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