

**Question for written answer E-001432/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Per Clausen (The Left)**

Subject: The much delayed proposal for asbestos screening of buildings

In its answer of 17 May 2024 (E-000656/2024(ASW)<sup>1</sup>) concerning the incomprehensible delay to the proposal on the screening and registration of asbestos in buildings<sup>2</sup>, the Commission stated that it had ‘undertaken various steps, including several consultation activities and an impact assessment’.

As we know, the Commission President announced in her letter of intent of 4 September 2022 that there would be 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, the Commission undertook to table a legislative proposal on asbestos screening and registration in 2023. In the 2023 work programme, it was announced that the proposal would be tabled on 13 June 2023. As we know, that did not happen; Europe’s workers are still waiting; and the matter is urgent. Therefore:

1. When can publication of the promised and much delayed proposal be expected?
2. Has the Commission carried out an impact assessment relating to the likely health consequences and costs of the delay to the directive by comparison with the timetable originally anticipated, under which publication should have taken place more than a year ago, namely on 13 June 2023?
3. Has responsibility for what is gross delay been attributed?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000656-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000656-ASW_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000656\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000656_EN.html)