

Chapter Eight

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Sector 9

Questions in the European Parliament

This sector contains a very large number of short records, each of which is an oral or written question submitted to the European Parliament by one of its members.

Each entry consists of an informative title, followed by a set of analytical fields that give information on the name of the member, the dates, the published reference and the affiliation of his or her political group. A typical entry is shown in **DOCNUM 92003E0602**.

This Sector reflects the growing importance of the European Parliament and provides an indication of future trends in possible legislation. It also provides a useful check on the activity, or otherwise, of any individual MEP.

Sector 9 does not contain the full text of questions, with the exception of written questions. Answers to written questions are also included for more recent years. The Parliament's own database, **EPOQUE**, provides much fuller information and is a far more comprehensive source of information on the European Parliament. There is also the Parliament's website (www.europarl.eu.int), which gives general information about the Parliament, its members and officials.