

**Question for written answer E-015001/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Responsibility for the Ebola emergency

An independent panel of 20 experts, led by Peter Piot, director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and co-discoverer of the Ebola virus, has highlighted flaws in the surveillance systems in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, i.e. the countries affected by the maxi-epidemic that has killed more than 11 000 people. Because of those flaws it was not possible to detect or report the emergency and respond to it in a timely manner. The panel has accused the WHO, blaming it for having declared the emergency too late – five months after the first outbreaks in Guinea and Liberia were notified.

Can the Commission therefore clarify the following:

1. Is it aware of this accusation against the WHO?
2. Have any studies been conducted on the handling of the Ebola emergency?