

Question for written answer E-015113/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: EU measures to combat planned obsolescence of consumer goods

An increasing amount of electrical and electronic appliances are replaced within five years of purchase as a result of technical failure. Planned obsolescence could be a factor in this phenomenon, which leads to the excessive consumption of electrical and electronic goods.

1. Has the Commission published a study on planned obsolescence?
2. With a view to promoting more sustainable consumption, does the Commission plan to include measures to combat planned obsolescence in its forthcoming legislative package on the circular economy?