

**Question for written answer E-015768/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Daniel Dalton (ECR)**

Subject: EU study on the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices

In November 2015, the Commission announced some preliminary findings of its study on dogs and cats involved in commercial practices. Its figure of 46 000 dogs traded across Member State borders every month was considerably higher than the official TRACES figure.

1. Can the Commission confirm when it will publish the full findings of the study?
2. Can the Commission give further details on how it arrived at the figure of 46 000 dogs traded across Member State borders each month?
3. Is it possible to break the 46 000 figure down by Member State?