

**Question for written answer E-015665/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Impact of climate change on health

Global warming and the effects thereof are adversely affecting public health and, according to the World Health Organisation, an additional 250 000 deaths annually are likely to occur as a result over the period a 2030-2050, the elderly and children being worst affected.

Furthermore, exposure to ultraviolet radiation can cause skin cancer and vector-borne diseases. In addition, people with respiratory diseases are directly affected by climate change, as a result of increased ozone concentrations. According to the World Health Organisation, around 300 million people already suffer from asthma and their number could be expected to increase considerably, with even higher levels of mortality as a result of this development.

The resulting health costs are expected to amount to between two and four billion dollars annually up to 2030.

In view of this:

What measures does the Commission intend to take to combat the adverse effects of climate change?

Has any specific strategy been formulated with a view to reducing the costs of climate change?