

**Question for written answer E-002988/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Cutting red tape and reducing administrative burdens

The Political Guidelines for 2024-2029 and mission letters for each Commissioner-designate make clear that reducing administrative burdens and simplifying legislation are key political priorities for this legislative term, with each Commissioner expected to contribute to cutting red tape and reducing administrative burdens. Earlier this year, the Commission announced ambitious targets to reduce reporting obligations for companies by 25 %, and by 35 % for SMEs, aiming to streamline obligations and alleviate administrative burdens.

However, businesses have reported that they do not feel the effects of former regulatory reduction targets in their day-to-day operations.

Accordingly:

1. What criteria and methodology did the Commission use to establish the 25 % and 35 % reduction targets?
2. How will the baseline for tracking progress be determined?
3. What specific measures and tools does the Commission plan to deploy to achieve these reduction goals, and how will it ensure that businesses, especially SMEs, see tangible benefits from these efforts?

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