

**Priority question for written answer P-001974/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Artificial intelligence (AI) and energy consumption

Recent media articles have highlighted the significant energy consumption and increasing CO₂ emissions of AI development activities, mainly undertaken by big tech companies. At the same time, some of these companies fail to disclose in a very transparent way the exact sustainability impact of their AI development work. Indeed, in its recent sustainability report, Google makes it clear that it will not make a specific AI disclosure, while they did do so two years ago.

According to Article 95(2)(b) of the AI Act¹, the EU believes that companies will voluntarily disclose the environmental sustainability impact of their AI activities. Google's recent sustainability report clearly indicates that such a voluntary disclosure requirement falls rather short. Given the EU's climate ambitions and established targets, it is hard to see how these can be reconciled with the corporate silence around CO₂ emissions and the energy consumption of AI development activities.

1. Does the Commission consider the lack of transparency from some tech companies around the sustainability impact of AI development work acceptable?
2. If not, how does the Commission plan to address this? Is it willing to strengthen sustainability disclosure requirements around AI activities, and, as in the MiCA Regulation², push to make this disclosure requirement mandatory?

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¹ OJ L, 2024/1689, 12.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj>.

² OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 40, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1114/oj>.