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Answer given by Mr Byrne  
on behalf of the Commission  
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The Commission is in the process of elaborating its proposal for the protection of chickens kept for the production of meat.

The Commission proposal will take into account the main recommendations provided by the scientists in their latest report including specific provisions to address the questions related to the rapid growth rate of the animals.

Furthermore, in preparing its proposal the Commission aims to promote good management practices and to integrate the monitoring of the welfare status of the animals in controls already carried out at slaughterhouses. The monitoring of the results could replace over-detailed specifications concerning farms.