

The questions are worded in such a way that it is difficult to identify the checks or monitoring to which the Honourable Member refers. The general provisions of Community legislation on the monitoring of foodstuffs are in any event applicable.

Regarding the assessments to be carried out under Articles 4 and 6 of Regulation No 258/97, the detailed arrangements, and notable the role of the Member States as regards the assessment bodies, are laid down in Article 4(3) and Article 6(2) to (4), supplemented, where Commission will publish recommendations concerning the scientific aspects of the preparation of the initial assessment reports. These provisions are supplemented, where appropriate, by the relevant provisions of Directive 90/220/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>.

Regarding methods of analysis, it will be recalled that Article 4 of Directive 93/99/EEC <sup>(3)</sup> provides that Member States shall ensure that the validation of methods of analysis used within the context of official control of foodstuffs complies whenever possible with certain criteria laid down in Directive 85/591/EEC <sup>(4)</sup> concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 43, 14.2.1997.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 117, 8.5.1990.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 290, 24.11.1993.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 372, 31.12.1985.

(98/C 82/69)

**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2168/97**

**by Hiltrud Breyer (V) to the Council**

*(25 June 1997)*

*Subject:* Novel food regulation No 97/258 — Carrying out monitoring

Are there any initiatives aimed at setting up special laboratories to carry out the monitoring duties in food monitoring bodies?

(98/C 82/70)

**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2170/97**

**by Hiltrud Breyer (V) to the Council**

*(25 June 1997)*

*Subject:* Novel food regulation No 258/97 — Staff required for monitoring

1. Are the staffing requirements for the various monitoring methods available, or will they be created?
2. Are there to be any special training measures for staff?

(98/C 82/71)

**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2172/97**

**by Hiltrud Breyer (V) to the Council**

*(25 June 1997)*

*Subject:* Novel food regulation No 258/97 — Financial requirements for monitoring

Have additional appropriations been included in the budgets in the light of the likely duties?