

**Question for written answer E-002394/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Lynn Boylan (The Left)

Subject: European database on data centres and requirements of the Energy Efficiency Directive on data centres

Article 12(1) of the recast EU Energy Efficiency Directive¹ requires that data centres above a certain size make publicly available information related to a few different factors, including energy consumption, waste heat utilisation and water usage.

Article 12(3) of the same directive mandates the Commission to establish a European database to collect the information disclosed by data centres. According to this article, this information will then be made available to the public in an aggregated form.

The Irish Government has stated² that it does not intend to have a national database through which data centres will make the required information available to the public. Instead, the Irish Government envisages that data centres based in Ireland will fulfil the Article 12(1) requirement by reporting directly to the European database.

1. Will this European database allow the public to access the required reporting information for individual, identifiable data centres, and not only aggregated information?
2. If not, can Member States be said to be complying with their Article 12(1) obligations, if they only require data centres to submit the relevant information to the European database, with no other means of making this information publicly accessible?

Submitted: 4.11.2024

¹ Directive (EU) 2023/1791 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 on energy efficiency, OJ L 231, 20.9.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/1791/oj>.

² <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/2024-10-08/40/?highlight%5B0%5D=data&highlight%5B1%5D=centres&highlight%5B2%5D=data&highlight%5B3%5D=centres&highlight%5B4%5D=data>.