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ORAL QUESTION without debate

pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure

by Sir Tufton **BEAMISH**

to the **Commission of the European Communities**

**Subject: Protection of Wild Birds especially
migratory birds**

In the light of the programme on the environment adopted by the Council on the 19th July 1973, whom has the Commission now appointed as an eminent expert in the ornithological field to study and report on certain malpractices relating to the netting, shooting and trapping of wild birds other than game birds, in accordance with the undertaking given on the 26th November in answer to Written Question No. 321/73;¹⁾

what are his qualifications;

what assistance will he have;

when can the result of his investigations be expected;
will there be an Interim Report; and will the evidence be published;

were the conservation bodies in the countries concerned contacted and their views taken into consideration before drafting the terms of reference, and will their help and advice be sought in carrying out the enquiry;

what are the terms of reference of this enquiry, and do they include investigating such malpractices as bird-liming and gross cruelties inflicted on caged birds as decoys, or for show or sale;

will consideration be given to the suggestion that the import of live or dead wild birds other than game birds should be prohibited or strictly controlled;

and will the Commission give an assurance that the framing of a Community directive to prevent these and similar abuses will be treated as a matter of urgency.

1) O.J. No. C 116, 29.12.1973, p.10