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First of all, I want to tell that I don't care about what flame retardants we have for the green or for the industry. I am working with victims, victims. I will give you some figures; we are sure that when we have flame retardants we can save 800-1000 people in Europe in a year. The cost - one patient in intensive care for 24 hours cost €2000-2200 for 24 hours. When we take the total cost from a patient we can go to €25000.

I think it is important to have products which save people. When you work like me in a burn unit, you see always every day the problems that the patients have. Something that I do not understand, how is it possible that in the United Kingdom and Ireland these products do not exist? The English people, do they care for their own people? I think that, for me, it is important to look after the persons, the people, the victims. When we can save victims with products, we have to take it. I think that's brief and more than enough.