Member State level to reduce the potential for criminal misuse of Rohypnol. These include reformulating the medicine to make it more difficult to administer covertly and informing healthcare professionals and the public of the risk of misuse.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2716/03
by Kathleen Van Brempt (PSE) to the Commission
(11 September 2003)

Subject: Radar detectors

A whole range of detector systems for speed checks are available on the European market. One of these is the British RoadPilot, a new high-tech GPS receiver which warns motorists when they are approaching an unmanned camera and tells them whether or not they need to reduce their speed. Unlike all other detectors, the RoadPilot is not banned in Belgium because it does not detect police radar which is illegal in Belgium. However, Belgians can acquire police radar detectors in the Netherlands where they are legal. As a result, many motorists are driving around with radar detection systems.

Road safety experts have drawn attention to the dangers of detection systems of this kind. They point out that there are drivers who brake suddenly when they receive a signal and then speed up again once they have passed the speed detection device.

What is the Commission’s attitude to radar detectors?

Is the Commission aware of the commercial success of these speed camera detector systems?

Does it not agree that radar detectors are dangerous for road safety?

Does it intend to draw up European regulations on this matter?

Answer given by Mrs de Palacio on behalf of the Commission
(21 October 2003)

The Commission is collecting the information it needs to answer the question. It will communicate its findings as soon as possible.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2719/03
by Margrietus van den Berg (PSE) to the Commission
(11 September 2003)

Subject: Follow-up question on the problems of frontier students

From its answer of 27 August to Written Question E-2534/03 (1), it appears that the Commission does have the authority to encourage cooperation between Member States in the area of education and the organisation of education systems. What steps is it prepared to take in this sphere?