

Answer given by Mr Kinnoek on behalf of the Commission

(23 September 1998)

The Commission has absolutely no intention of introducing a ban on car advertising as erroneously reported in some German newspapers.

In several Member States voluntary codes of conduct are applied which encourage advertising agencies and their customers, the car industry, to limit advertisements that could be considered to be linked to dangerous behaviour on the road. Various public discussions about the possibilities of applying such a voluntary code throughout Europe may have led to misunderstanding on the part of some journalists, particularly those who did not take the trouble to make enquiries to various voluntary organisations, public authorities and the Commission before writing their stories.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2588/98

by Jens-Peter Bonde (I-EDN) to the Council

(1 September 1998)

Subject: Unpublished declarations to minutes of Council meetings

Are there any declarations to the minutes of Council meetings that were not published in 1997 and 1998 and, if so, how many and on what subjects?

Reply

(9 November 1998)

1. In 1997, 361 statements for the minutes of Council meetings at which legislative acts were adopted were published.

However, on 20 January 1997 when the Council adopted Directive 97/3/EC amending Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community ⁽¹⁾, one statement was not published.

2. In the first six months of 1998, 170 statements for the minutes of Council meetings at which legislative acts were adopted were published.

However, on 23 March 1998 when the Council adopted:

- a Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Community of the Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, one statement was not published;
- a Council Decision on the conclusion by the European Community of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution on further reductions of sulphur emissions, two statements were not published.

As the Honourable Member can see, 99,72 % of statements were published in 1997 and 98,24 % in the first half of 1998.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.1997, p. 30.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2589/98

by Herbert Bösch (PSE) to the Council

(1 September 1998)

Subject: School trips within the European Union

At present, school trips within the European Union made by classes which include pupils who are not nationals of an EU Member State entail a disproportionate degree of bureaucracy and expense.