

gramme, it has recently received proposals from the European Car Industry Association for safer car fronts for pedestrians and cyclists which, at technical level, severely weaken the levels of protection which would be provided by the four EEVC tests and could lead to more hazardous car design, in the opinion of independent experts?

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WRITTEN QUESTION P-2503/00

by Ari Vatanen (PPE-DE) to the Commission

(24 July 2000)

Subject: Using vehicle design to protect pedestrians injured in car crashes

Since 1996, results of the pedestrian tests in the European New Car Assessment Programme reveal that car design has done little to protect pedestrians, although protection for car occupants in car crashes has improved. A proposal was promised in the Commission's recent Road Safety Communication and was supported by the Transport Council in their road safety resolution of 26 June 2000.

When will the Commission submit a proposal for the adoption of requisite tests which could prevent 2 000 deaths and 19 000 serious injuries every year?

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WRITTEN QUESTION P-2579/00

by Ewa Hedkvist Petersen (PSE) to the Commission

(25 July 2000)

Subject: Legislation on safer car fronts to protect pedestrians and cyclists

In its communication on road safety of March this year, the Commission announced its intention of introducing legislation in the EU for safer car fronts to protect pedestrians and cyclists as one of six cost-effective priority measures.

This measure was the first on Parliament's list of priorities in its latest pronouncement on road safety. On 26 June 2000, the Council of Transport Ministers backed this initiative and urged the Commission to draw up a proposal for legislation as soon as possible.

Given that every month's delay represents a lost opportunity to save 175 lives across the EU, will the Commission now, without further delay, draw up a proposal which includes the four tests required to obtain a high level of protection for pedestrians involved in collisions with cars?

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WRITTEN QUESTION P-2583/00

by Nelly Maes (Verts/ALE) to the Commission

(25 July 2000)

Subject: Measures to introduce safer car bumpers

42 500 people die on the European Union's roads every year, including 9 300 pedestrians and cyclists. The vast majority of the pedestrians and cyclists who are killed are either young or elderly. Because of this state of affairs, the Commission outlined a number of priorities in March 2000 with the aim of improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.