

Has the Commission seen the preliminary results of this study?

Has the Commission made its own calculations of the cost of Turkey joining the EU? If so, what were its findings? How do the costs of Turkey's membership compare with those for the ten new accession States?

Answer given by Mr Verheugen on behalf of the Commission

(7 November 2003)

The Commission is aware of the study to which the Honourable Member refers but has not seen the detailed results. Such estimates depend on a large number of hypotheses, such as the timing of possible accession, rates of economic development and the outcome of accession negotiations. The Commission considers that it is not possible to define in detail a number of hypotheses which would be necessary for any such calculation.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3064/03

by Bernd Lange (PSE) and Wilhelm Piecyk (PSE) to the Commission

(17 October 2003)

Subject: Vehicle emissions outside of the test cycle

Pollution readings carried out by the German Federal Environmental Agency have shown that cars usually considered to be particularly environmentally friendly only keep within the EU's strict exhaust emission limits up to a speed of 120 km/h. Beyond that, however, emission levels rise many times over, proving that the cars concerned are not so environmentally friendly after all.

Is the Commission aware of this phenomenon?

Does the Commission intend to take account of emissions outside of the test cycle in its anticipated proposal for a future Euro V category of exhaust emission limits for cars, and will it restrict the extent to which the applicable limits are exceeded?

Answer given by Mr Liikanen on behalf of the Commission

(14 November 2003)

The Commission is aware that some motor vehicles can modulate the emission performance in certain driving conditions that are not covered by the present type-approval emissions test.

Emissions outside the test cycle are one of the issues on the agenda of the working group on Euro V standards that has been set up under the Motor Vehicles Emissions Group.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3104/03

**by Marianne Eriksson (GUE/NGL),
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(22 October 2003)

Subject: Funding EQUAL projects and sexual orientation discrimination

Article 13 of the EC Treaty, Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and Article 1 of Directive 2000/78/EC⁽¹⁾ establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation