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Subject: Energy inefficiency

The Energy Union Package calls for an 'integrated energy market [...] to create more competition, lead to greater market efficiency [...] and produce affordable prices for consumers.' Nevertheless, the national markets have fulfilled none of these functions.

The Package states that the retail market is not functioning properly. It adds that many household consumers have too little choice of energy suppliers and too little control over their energy costs.

- Does the Commission have a costing of the inefficiency caused by the EU's centralised, supply-side approach to energy?
- Does it have any such costings for the individual Member States?
- What benefits would a removal of restrictions on energy self-consumption at European level bring, in terms of efficiency and of decentralisation of the electricity market?