

**Question for written answer E-009330/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Hike in Greek toll charges

Travel on Greek motorways, on which tolls have risen by up to 500 % over recent years, is a luxury for working and grassroots families.

The reduction in tolls announced by the SYRIZA/ANEL coalition has remained dead letter. Instead, the government has extended motorway franchises for up to ten years, so that the construction companies do not lose a single euro from their anticipated profits. This is not a random development. It comes within the policies and approaches adopted by the EU ruling class to safeguard the profits of conglomerates and thus follows EU guidelines and satisfies the demands of monopoly groups for large profits.

Furthermore, these franchises provide for new toll stations to be built, thereby forcing drivers to pay tolls even for local journeys to and from work.

What are the Commission's views on the anti-grassroots policy of privatising transport infrastructures and on reasonable grassroots demands for all tolls to be abolished and for workers to stop having to pay twice or three times for roads built with revenue from the heavy taxes on grassroots income?