

**Question for written answer E-000425/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Indirect subsidies in the electricity market

The new design of the electricity market aims, in theory, to prevent indirect subsidies. This is conditional on (1) prosumers receiving the right kind of incentives and investment signals from the market, and (2) these being socially compatible with the situation of consumers who have no opportunity to produce electricity themselves.

What measures will the Commission take to counter indirect subsidies such as non-market-based net metering schemes?

What measures will the Commission take to combat the common practice of socialising the costs of net balancing incurred by prosumers, which results in non-prosumers being unilaterally penalised?

What is the Commission's view of capacity-based network tariffs, which require consumers to pay for the network services that they actually use?