

**Question for written answer E-004194/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Age of the vehicle fleet in EU Member States

In the EU's 2011 strategic document, the White Paper on transport, a target is set of reducing emissions by 60 % by 2050 compared to 1990 levels.

According to published statistics, the average age of passenger cars in the Czech Republic has risen to 2016 to 15.1 years in 2016. In the case of buses, the average age is 14.8 years, in the case of tractors 32 years. The overall average age of vehicles is more than 18 years, and 70% of vehicles are 10 or more years old. A significant percentage of newly registered vehicles are second-hand cars imported within the internal market, which have less strict emission standards (Euro 2, Euro 3) than are required for new vehicles.

Does the Commission have an overview of the age of the vehicle fleet in each Member State? Does it also have an overview of the long-term impact of the age of vehicles on the emission reduction targets for transport within the EU?

How does the Commission intend to resolve the contradiction between the increasing strictness of emission standards applying to new vehicles and the increasing age of the vehicle fleet in some EU Member States?