

**Question for written answer E-001839/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Raising the minimum amounts of insurance cover for the use of motor vehicles which transport people by road

Directive 2005/14/EC stipulates that insurance against civil liability relating to the use of motor vehicles is compulsory, in the case of personal injury, for a minimum amount of cover of EUR 1 000 000 per victim or EUR 5 000 000 per claim, regardless of the number of victims.

In the case of damage to property, the directive requires a minimum compulsory amount of cover of EUR 1 000 000 per claim, regardless of the number of victims.

Statistical evidence shows that these limits are now obsolete and insufficient to cover the full amount of damage in the event of accidents involving vehicles, such as buses, that transport a high number of passengers.

However, if a Member State were to decide to increase minimum levels of cover in order to reduce risk exposure in the event of an accident, operators established in Member States that remain in line with the standards laid down by EU law would acquire a competitive advantage because of lower operating costs.

Does the Commission not think it is necessary to raise the minimum amount of insurance cover required by Directive 2005/14/EC, by determining new proportionate thresholds based on the type of vehicle and the number of passengers it is able to transport?