

ORAL QUESTION H-0594/06
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Zdzisław Podkański
to the Commission

Subject: Soft fruit

On various occasions and by different means I have called for a solution to be found as a matter of urgency to the problem of soft fruit. Similar calls have been made by other Members, including Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Czesław Siekerski and Janusz Wojciechowski.

The Commission has visited Poland on two occasions to examine the situation on the ground. The European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development also visited Poland from 9 to 12 May 2006.

Unfortunately, farmers have still to receive any aid, while Parliament has not even received a report on the visit to Poland by the Commission representatives.

The Commission is giving the impression that it has no desire to resolve the problem faced by European soft fruit producers and that it is the interests of producers from China and Morocco that are being protected.

In the light of the above, does the Commission intend to take any protective measures in this sector and, if so, what measures and when?

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