

ORAL QUESTION H-0185/08
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Robert Evans
to the Commission

Subject: EU anti-discrimination legislation

Under current EU legislation, it is only in the field of employment and vocational training that EU citizens are protected against discrimination on grounds of age, religion or belief, disability and sexual orientation, whilst in the fields of education, social protection and access to goods and services, discrimination legislation only applies on grounds of racial or ethnic origin.

As legislation is broadened to include more categories in the goods and services field, what consideration has the Commission given to the unintended consequences this may cause?

For example, in any new legislation, what safeguards has the Commission considered to ensure that reductions for elderly people and concessionary groups are not adversely affected?

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