WRITTEN QUESTION E-0905/04 by Richard Corbett (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Bicycle helmets

Is the Commission aware of the position of the European Cycling Federation opposing legislation that makes the wearing of helmets compulsory for all cyclists? Particularly, is the Commission aware of the studies they quote showing that the compulsory use of helmets does not decrease the accident rate involving cyclists?

Is the Commission prepared to investigate the matter and, if appropriate, reconsider the need for such legislation?