

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3568/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: Retention of data generated by telephonic and electronic communications

On Wednesday, 21 September 2005, the Commission submitted a proposal for a directive (COM(2005) 438 final) in the context of the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of serious crime, including terrorism, which provides for the recording and storage of traffic data generated by telephonic and electronic communications.

Will the Commission say:

1. how the protection of personnel data is guaranteed and what provision is made in regard to access to, evaluation and the use of those data, and
2. what provision is made for compensating telecommunications companies and Internet service providers for the additional cost of the proposed storage measures and to what extent Member States will contribute financially?