

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3812/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Mobile telephony and billing of calls received

The recent statement made by the Commissioner for the Information Society, concerning the billing of consumers for calls received on their mobile phones, has been poorly received by both consumers and operators alike.

Can the Commission confirm that such billing will lead to reductions in the price of communications?

What measures does it plan to take to prevent the end consumer being penalised as a result of that decision?

Why has the Commission taken this initiative, which has met with scepticism from the European Regulators Group for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, in whose opinion a straightforward exchange of good practices would be sufficient?