

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4206/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Extending copyright

Commissioner McCreevy's proposal of 14 February to extend the copyright term in sound recordings overturns the Commission's earlier position, and is at variance with the recommendations of several independent reviews. One was conducted by the Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Law at Cambridge University for the UK Gowers Review of Intellectual Property (2006), the second was commissioned by the Commission itself as part of a larger study by the Amsterdam Institute for Information Law (2006), the third is an impact study on the empirical effects of the proposed measure signed by 40 leading European academics (Bournemouth statement, June 2008).

Has Mr McCreevy met with any members or representatives of the record industry in the six months preceding 14 February, and if so, who, when, where, in what circumstances and for what reasons?