

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0865/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Energy-guzzling plasma televisions at the forefront of the fight against climate change

According to reports in the British and Greek press, energy-guzzling plasma televisions are at the forefront of the fight against climate change in that they face imminent withdrawal from the market. These gigantic television sets consume four times more electricity than a conventional television, making them responsible for the corresponding increase in carbon dioxide emissions. According to the same reports, some Member States are already drawing up legislation to define the minimum criteria with which the product must comply to remain on the market, while the worst performers will be withdrawn.

1. Does the Commission intend to introduce any Community legislation providing for indicative labelling to inform consumers about high and low-energy plasma televisions?
2. What practical measures will it take to restrict the excessive consumption of electricity expected to occur in conjunction with the constantly rising number of televisions, which research estimates will increase by 12% in the coming years?