

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3323/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Increase in tax on profits of public limited liability companies

On 22 April 2009 Eurostat issued an announcement changing its estimates for Greece's budget deficit to 5% and for its public debt to 97.6% of GDP. This is the fifth consecutive adjustment it has made over the last few months. The Greek government is obliged to present to the Commission by 24 October 2009 an integrated plan containing credible and permanent measures for reducing the deficit to below 3% by 2010.

Since over the last few years there has been a sharp fall in the tax rate for public limited liability companies in Greece, does the Commission consider that an increase in the tax on the profits of public limited liability companies would contribute to financial stability?