

**Question for written answer E-000124/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: 'Energy Roadmap 2050'

On 15 December 2011, the Commission issued the 'Energy Roadmap 2050'.

1. In the first paragraph of the Roadmap, the Commission describes the importance of safe, reliable, renewable and affordable energy. The Roadmap then outlines ways in which CO<sub>2</sub> targets can be achieved (last paragraph of page 2). Does the Commission agree with the PVV that ideas about potential sources of energy for 2050 will be pushed off the table by concerns about greenhouse gases? If so, when can we expect a report which addresses safe, reliable and affordable energy?
2. The Commission has presented seven scenarios for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as a result of energy consumption. However, in the Roadmap the Commission has stated no preference for any of the scenarios outlined. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that, having failed to make any policy choices about how those greenhouse gas reduction targets should be achieved, it is perpetuating uncertainty amongst investors, governments and citizens and undermining the purpose of the Roadmap?
3. The Commission envisages that large-scale investments will be needed to achieve the 2050 targets. Does the Commission share the PVV's view that these investments will ultimately have to be borne by the consumer? If so, how does the Commission intend to achieve the goal of affordable energy?
4. The Commission foresees a major role for the EU in the Roadmap, in order to keep costs down (last line on page 18), amongst other things. Can the Commission indicate which specific measures it intends to use to reduce energy prices for consumers (after 2030)?
5. The Commission argues that disturbances in the internal energy market (due to prices being kept artificially low, for example) should be avoided. Can the Commission specify exactly which EU subsidies for renewable energy carriers will be withdrawn?