

**Question for written answer E-010521/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
James Elles (ECR)

Subject: UK High Speed 2 Rail (HS2) - 'Greening Transport' Package

In 2008 the Commission launched its 'Greening Transport' Package (see MEMO/08/492 of 8 July 2008). A key element of these proposals was the need to ensure that the environmental and other external impacts of transport infrastructure projects are adequately measured.

Can the Commission confirm:

1. its proposed timetable for publishing further guidance on measuring external costs for transport networks;
2. whether the approach taken by the UK Government in assessing the viability of proposed transport projects reflects the principles of the 2008 Handbook on estimation of external costs in the transport sector, published by the Commission?