

**Question for written answer E-001609/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Anti-theft technology and traceability

Recent statistics have confirmed that the proportion of car thefts in the EU is particularly high. The cars stolen most often are apparently small and medium-sized ones; this means that these thefts put the property of people from all walks of life at risk, especially those from the middle and working classes.

However, today's levels of technology and engineering should enable particularly effective anti-theft devices, both satellite and mechanical, to be installed; particularly advanced traceability procedures for vehicles, or individual parts thereof, could also be developed. Such equipment, in addition, would enable the costs of insurance policies, borne by the drivers and owners of cars and motorcycles, to be reduced. However, to date, in the EU, the protection of motorcycles and cars is left to the initiative of their owners.

Does the Commission not think it should promote rules and procedures that provide for the adoption of effective anti-theft and traceability procedures in order to reduce theft and lower insurance fees?