

**Question for written answer E-004145/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Extension of the emissions trading system to cover transport and buildings

On 17 December 2022, during trilogue negotiations, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to extend the emissions trading system (ETS) to cover almost all sectors¹.

According to a study carried out by a number of institutions, including Cambridge Econometrics, the extension of the ETS to cover transport and buildings will result in enormous costs for private households. The figure is expected to total around EUR 1 112 billion in the period from 2025 to 2040. Energy bills may increase by an average of EUR 429 per year and per household as a result of the decision to extend the ETS to cover buildings.

Serious social repercussions are to be anticipated. The poorer the household, the harder it would be hit, since those on low incomes have little leeway for investments in new technologies, and it is virtually impossible for them to cut their heating and transport costs without sacrificing their quality of life. The study furthermore emphasises that extending the ETS to include buildings and transport will not lead to the desired emissions reductions².

1. Has the Commission carried out a similar impact assessment in respect of energy bill increases for private households following the extension of the ETS?
2. How can the Commission justify this targeted and artificial rise in the price of housing and transport at a time of record inflation?

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¹ German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, 'Neue EU-Klimapolitik steht: politische Verständigung zum Abschluss des "Fit for 55"- Klimapakets (New EU climate policy in place: political agreement on the conclusion of the "Fit for 55" climate package)', press release, 18 December 2022.

² Polish Economic Institute, European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition & Cambridge Econometrics, Cost for households of the inclusion of transport and residential buildings in the EU ETS, Warsaw, June 2021, p. 4-5, p. 50-51.