

ORAL QUESTION H-0209/03

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to the Commission

Subject: Car prices in the EU and Irish Vehicle Registration Tax

The latest report from the Commission on car prices within the EU shows that some convergence in price differentials is taking place, particularly within the eurozone, although significant price disparities still persist. However, in Ireland, car prices are massively increased by the imposition of the Vehicle Registration Tax which totally undermines any price convergence that is occurring across the EU. What measures will the Commission take to force the Irish Government to reduce this tax so that Irish car buyers may finally benefit in real terms from the Single Market?

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