

ORAL QUESTION H-0102/07
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2007
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Reducing burdens on small business

In November 2006 the Commission launched an initiative to reduce the administrative burden on European business by 25% by 2012. In recent weeks the SME Union has met with the Commission to urge it to reduce statistical reporting requirements for SMEs over the next three years by 30% and to target the practice known as 'gold-plating' at national level.

Does the Council support such proposals and if so what specific measures will it be bringing forward during the current Presidency to support and encourage the Commission in implementing this urgently needed reform agenda?

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