ORAL QUESTION H-0103/07 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Philip Bushill-Matthews to the Commission

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.

Can the Commission explain its concrete plans and time-frame for implementing this urgently needed reform agenda?

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