

ORAL QUESTION H-0048/08
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of Data Protection Directive

The implementation of Directive 2006/24/EC¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks has been the subject of much debate and the source of considerable confusion in Lithuania. The question was raised about who should finance the acquisition and maintenance of the equipment necessary to implement the directive - the retention of telephone conversations, SMS messages, unanswered calls and other data for a period of twelve months. Under the Lithuanian Constitution, the State has no right to delegate to private individuals its task of ensuring the security of society and preserving public order by asking them to perform these duties without public funds.

In view of the above, will the Commission say who is footing the bill for the acquisition of the equipment by communications enterprises in the EU Member States? How is the Data Processing Directive being implemented in the EU Member States? How are citizens protected against the fraudulent use of information concerning them?

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¹ OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 54.