

ORAL QUESTION H-0269/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Price rises and competition

Major price rises have been recorded in recent months in many Member States, particularly for foodstuffs, which has severely reduced the European public's purchasing power. Numerous observers have suggested that, besides the increase in the price of raw materials, there have been some excessive mark-ups by distribution channels and, moreover, possible breaches of free competition.

Can the Commission state whether it has any permanent indicators that can alert it to an explosion in certain consumer prices, and also whether any investigations have been conducted recently into distribution channels, following the sudden price rises recorded in certain Member States?

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