

ORAL QUESTION H-0020/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Fair competition and consumer rights in the Community air transport sector

The aim of Directive 2005/29/EC<sup>1</sup> is to standardise laws on unfair commercial practices within the Community. The directive seeks to harmonise measures combating unfair competition in business-to-consumer practices. The Commission communication COM(2007)0099 on EU consumer policy strategy 2007-2013 reaffirms the goals of the directive.

Although the dynamic growth of the budget airlines market is a positive development, will the Commission say what measures it is taking to ensure that these airlines provide accurate fare information?

Does the Commission not think that the practice followed by the Irish budget airline of systematically charging fares for tickets purchased online much higher than those originally advertised runs counter to the objectives of the abovementioned directive?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 22.