ORAL QUESTION H-0053/09 for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2009 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Seán Ó Neachtain to the Commission

Subject: Dairy sector in the EU

The Commission has introduced measures to assist the dairy sector. The Commission will reintroduce export refunds for butter, skimmed milk powder (SMP), whole milk powder and cheese. In addition the Commission will purchase more than the fixed quantities of butter and SMP should the market situation warrant it. Does the Commission think that these measures will be sufficient to end the spiral of downward prices in the EU and particularly the Irish dairy sector?

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