

ORAL QUESTION H-0222/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mairead McGuinness  
to the Commission

Subject: Retailers and businesses in border areas

Is the Commission aware of the extreme difficulties facing retailers and businesses in border areas in the Republic of Ireland due to the dramatic reduction in the value of sterling, resulting in an unfair competitive advantage being given to retailers in Northern Ireland?

What action or assistance, if any, can be given to these ailing businesses?

Is the Commission aware of similar situations occurring in Member States within the Eurozone, that border non-Eurozone Member States?

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