

ORAL QUESTION H-0258/09
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Scrap premiums for trading in old cars and buying new ones

In recent months, a large number of Member States have introduced temporary schemes for premiums to take old cars out of circulation more quickly and replace these with new greener vehicles.

Can the Commission provide an overview of the impact of scrap premiums in the countries in which they have been introduced? What is the effect on the sale of new cars? Which types of cars are purchased most often with these premiums? What are the environmental characteristics of the cars purchased with these premiums?

Can the Commission give an estimate of how many old cars have been scrapped as a result of these premiums? How old are the cars traded in? What are the environmental characteristics of the cars traded in?

Does the Commission intend to take legislative action to establish a framework for scrap premiums? What other initiatives has the Commission already taken with respect to scrap premiums?

What impact do scrap premiums have on the environment? Do they simply speed up the purchase of new cars, or do they improve the quality, efficiency and environmental impact of the cars in circulation?

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