

ORAL QUESTION O-0054/01

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by James Provan and Georg Jarzembowski, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
to the Commission

Subject: The downward trend in European tourism

1. Does the Commission recognise the downward trend in Europe's largest industry, tourism?
2. Can the Commission quantify the possible causes (for example, with BSE and foot and mouth disease as new contributory factors) especially for inbound tourism to the Union?
3. What are the effects on SMEs in the rural areas of Europe?
4. Will the Commission consider measures to neutralise the negative effects and, if so, what measures?

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