

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2243/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Distortions of competition by German goods-vehicle toll

1. Does the Commission consider that the basis of assessment for the goods-vehicle toll to be introduced at the end of August in Germany is in fact commensurate with the necessary volume of investment in road building?
2. How does the Commission react to the distortions of competition in the German transport industry (and other branches of the economy) that will result from the significant increase in transport costs caused by this new goods-vehicle toll?
3. Does the Commission stand by its rejection of the Federal Government's intention to offset the impact of the goods-vehicle toll on German transport undertakings by way of a credit against the petroleum tax?
4. Does the Commission anticipate any problems with an immediate reduction in the motor-vehicle tax levied on goods-vehicles in Germany to the minimum EU tax rate?
5. Does the Commission expect the new toll arrangements to put non-German transport undertakings transiting through Germany at a disadvantage?