

**Question for written answer P-5668/2010  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**John Attard-Montalto (S&D)**

Subject: Prices for spare parts in Malta

Prices for spare parts for vehicles (cars, trucks, minivans, motorcycles, etc.) in Malta and Gozo are amongst the highest in the European Union.

Agents of major car manufacturers do not stock up on even basic parts.

Insurance policies do not cover the time for the parts to arrive in Malta, which usually takes weeks.

No Maltese authority does anything to ameliorate the plight of owners of cars which suffer mechanical damage or damage to bodywork.

What can the consumer do when his basic rights are being disregarded?