Priority question for written answer P-000600/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Consumer control over personal vehicle data must be central in European legislation

The transport sector is digitising at a rapid pace. Large amounts of data are generated in and from our cars through the increasing connectivity of vehicles. These data flows highlight the importance of consumer control over personal vehicle data. Such control not only guarantees consumers control over which parties have access to this data, but also ensures fair competition between companies and sufficient freedom of choice for consumers.

The so-called Data Act that the European Commission is due to publish later this month sets out general rules for the sharing of data between private parties. Such a broad and general Data Act will have value for consumers only if accompanied by an additional sector-specific regulation governing the sharing of vehicle data.

1. Does the Commission share the view that consumer control over personal vehicle data must be central to, and guaranteed by, EU legislation?

2. Does the Commission recognise that, in addition to the Data Act, a sector-specific regulation for the sharing of vehicle data from and by consumers is necessary in order to guarantee consumer control over personal vehicle data? If so, when can Parliament expect a proposal from the Commission on such legislation?