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for QUESTION TIME

on 13 and 14 December 1983

1. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-565/83) (*) (1)

Subject : Special Council meeting devoted to consumer protection

It is now uncertain whether the Greek Presidency will, as previously indicated, hold a special Council meeting devoted to consumer protection. In view of this, and having regard to the importance of satellite television for advertising on an international level

1. Would the Council not agree that their failure to act on the proposal for a directive on misleading advertising has resulted in confusion and uncertainty among advertisers and consumers, particularly as Parliament has adopted its opinion as long ago as 1979 ?
2. Will the Council say what progress has been made towards a satisfactory conclusion and an agreed Directive ?

3.10.83

(†) Former oral question with debate (0-90/83), converted into a question for question time

(*) Priority by request of the Enlarged Bureau

2. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-164/83) (x)

Subject: Patent Convention

Will the Council give a progress report on ratification of the Patent Convention and state when it thinks this convention can actually be brought into force?

19.5.83

(x) Priority by reason of being carried over from preceding Question Time pursuant to the President's decision of 14.12.76

3. Question by Mr PEARCE (H-454/83) (x)

Subject : Agricultural surpluses

Is the Council pleased that it is its own actions over recent years in the annual fixing of prices under the common agricultural policy that are the main cause of agricultural surpluses?

13.10.1983

4. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-461/83) (x)

Subject : Measures to mitigate unemployment

What does the Council propose to do, to implement Articles 48, 49 and 50 of the Rome Treaty, concerning the mobility of workers, particularly young workers in the Community; in particular the setting up of machinery to put offers of employment in touch with applicants for employment as stated in Article 49 (d)?

14.10.1983

(x) Priority by reason of being carried over from preceding Question Time pursuant to the President's decision of 14.12.76

5. Question by Mrs HAMMERICH (H-464/83) (x)

Subject : The Economic aspects of security

The Danish Government has declared that the economic aspects of security do not cover matters concerning cooperation on arms in the Community. However, during the European Parliament's debate on the Fergusson report on 11 October, Commissioner Narjes referred to this very section of the Stuttgart Declaration as a background to discussion of arms production and arms sales.

Does the Council take the view that 'the economic aspects of security' can in any way refer to plans for cooperation on arms production in the Community?

17.10.1983

6. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-474/83) (x)

Subject: Human rights - Lomé Convention

Does the Council wish to comment on the fact that it has reputedly instructed the Commission to try to include the human rights question in the negotiations on the future Lomé Convention, a welcome decision on which it is to be congratulated?

19.10.83

(x) Priority by reason of being carried over from preceding Question
Time pursuant to the President's decision of 14.12.76

7. Question by Sir Peter VANNECK (H-501/83) (x)

Subject : Supplies of Australian uranium ore to the European
Community

If the Australian Government succumbs to pressure for the
abrogation of uranium ore supply contracts to Community
electricity undertakings, what steps will the Council take
in conjunction with the Commission in order to ensure that
contracts are honoured ?

27.10.1983

8. Question by Mr EPHREMIDIS (H-506/83) (x)

Subject: Facilitating the participation of migrants in the elections to the
European Parliament

Owing to rising unemployment, the worsening economic crisis and other factors,
migrant workers and their families will experience extremely severe problems in
travelling to their countries of origin in order to exercise their right to vote
in the elections to the European Parliament.

What measures does the Council propose to take to facilitate their travel and
does it propose to make sufficient resources available from the Community budget
so that the majority of migrants will not be compelled to abstain from voting?

28.10.83

(x) Priority by reason of being carried over from preceding Question
Time pursuant to the President's decision of 14.12.76

9. Question by Mrs SCHLEICHER (H-507/83) (x)

Subject: Environmental impact studies

Can the Council indicate what progress has been achieved in its discussions on the Commission's proposal for a directive on environmental impact studies, which major problems are still preventing early adoption of the proposal and what prospects it sees for adoption at the next meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Environment?

28.10.83

10. Question by Mr ROGALLA (H-229/83)

Subject: Controls at internal frontiers

During the 1983 peak holiday season, when will the Foreign Ministers, as members of the Council, visit two typical Community frontier crossing points to discuss the purpose of frontier controls with travellers?

When visiting these crossings is the Council willing to select one of the Benelux type and one of the old-fashioned small state type to satisfy themselves with regard to the advantages and inconveniences of one or other control procedure?

14.6.1983

(x) Priority by reason of being carried over from preceding Question
Time pursuant to the President's decision of 14.12.76

11. Question by Mr HUTTON (H-375/83)

Subject : Contact group between Parliament and COREPER

In view of the totally inadequate answer by the Council to Question No. H-291/83 (1) at the September session, and of the fact that after five months it has failed to reach a decision on establishing informal contacts between Parliament and COREPER, will the Council now either come to an agreement on this matter, or admit that agreement is impossible and make new proposals for contacts with Parliament ?

15.09.1983

(1) Verbatim report of proceedings of 14.9.1983
(Provisional edition)

12. Question by Mr LALOR (H-432/83)

Subject : Strengthening the EMS

Is the Council satisfied that the Community is making every effort to comply with one of the priority goals of the Copenhagen Summit of December 1982, namely the strengthening of the European Monetary System, and when it is hoped to have all ten Member States embraced into the system ?

4.10.1983

13. Question by Mr MARCK (H-505/83)

Subject : Greek presidency

The number of meetings of ministers, their assistants and government experts held away from Brussels and Luxembourg, the normal meeting places, has increased sharply during the Greek presidency.

How many meetings of ministers, their assistants and government experts have been held in Greece since 1 July 1983 and what additional travel and subsistence costs have been incurred as a result for Council officials, interpreters and other members of staff?

27.10.83

14. Question by Dame Shelagh ROBERTS (H-518/83)

Subject : Discrimination against black British day trippers by the French immigration authorities

In view of the informal consultation which takes place between the Commission and the Council concerning the preparation of replies to questions by Members of the European Parliament; and in view of the Commission's answer to Question No.85 by Lord Bethell (H-426/83) (1) that it was seeking information from the French Government concerning the above-mentioned subject, will the Council reconsider its answer to my Question No.11 (H-356/83) (2) ?

4.11.1983

- (1) Verbatim report of proceedings of 12.10.1983, p.389
(2) Verbatim report of proceedings of 12.10.1983, p.352

15. Question by Ms CLWYD (H-530/83)

Subject: Dissatisfaction among officials with their employers

Would the Council comment on a report that increasing dissatisfaction among officials with their employers, the respective European Community Institutions, is proving a costly and time-consuming business? The European Court of Justice is currently being asked to sieve through 1,283 staff cases to determine the validity of the particular grievance. These cases are estimated to cost the taxpayer some £1.3 m by the time they reach judgement.

Would the Council agree that poor staff/management relations in the Institutions, and the waste of taxpayers' money, should not arise in well-managed institutions?

14.11.1983

16. Question by Mr TYRRELL (H-534/83)

Subject: Protection of battery hens

Amended proposals for a Council Directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens kept in battery cages were transmitted to the Council on 11 June 1982¹, following the opinion of the European Parliament.

Can the Council explain why it has not yet adopted the Directive?

16.11.83

¹ OJ C 187 of 22 July 1982, p. 4