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Subject: State of the automotive industry in Europe

During the first October plenary session, the Commission expressed its concerns about the automotive industry. However, it remains very vague as to any solutions. Moreover, some of the difficulties faced by the automotive industry are to do with factors that the Commission has control over.

1. What studies has the Commission carried out into the economic feasibility of the transition to electric, a sector where the industry is lagging ten years behind China?
2. As far as subsidised battery factories are concerned, what guarantees do we have that the factories will remain in Europe once the subsidies have been paid out?
3. Lastly, energy prices continue to hold back our competitiveness. Will the Commission draw the relevant lessons from this and stop lending credibility to the anti-nuclear rhetoric of certain political groups?

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