

Question for written answer E-001707/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission proposal for mandatory annual periodic technical inspections for vehicles older than 10 years

The Commission's recently announced¹ proposals for amendments to EU roadworthiness legislation include a provision for bringing in mandatory annual periodic technical inspections for vehicles that are more than 10 years old, as opposed to the current bi-annual requirement.

In Czechia alone, there are 6.7 million registered cars that are, on average, 17 years old. Due to this proposal, many of these cars will require twice as many inspections, amounting to millions of additional checks per year. This will cost between EUR 50 and EUR 100 each, and will result in additional costs to motorist households worth several EUR billion a year, without even counting the cost to society of additional infrastructure, additional administrative burdens and the diversion of qualified members of the workforce from more productive activities.

1. Has the Commission taken the above into consideration on a Member State-by-Member State basis? Has there been an assessment of the proportionality of the proposed measure, weighing benefits against costs, and will the Commission publish the results from any such assessment?
2. If the objective is maximising the number of life years saved, has the Commission considered whether the indicated resources might be better invested in healthcare or the design of healthy cities?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1083.