

Question for written answer E-003104/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: New EU tax on uncollected e-waste

In its long-term budget proposal, the Commission intends to generate own resources by imposing a tax on uncollected e-waste. Based on a call rate of EUR 2 per kg of uncollected e-waste, the Commission expects to generate around EUR 15 billion annually¹.

According to Eurostat, Sweden put 28.4 kg of electrical and electronic equipment waste per inhabitant on the market in 2021. At the same time, it collected 12.9 kg per inhabitant². Based on these round figures, the Commission would impose a tax of EUR 331 239 489 on Swedish citizens.

In the light of the above:

1. Can the Commission provide an estimated cost to Swedish taxpayers of the uncollected e-waste scheme?
2. Has the Commission conducted any study or impact assessment to examine the administrative costs of this new income scheme at Member State and EU level?
3. Why did the Commission decide on this specific category of waste and not another virtuous one such as a plastic bag tax, often advocated by the Left Group?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/80b07565-b336-41ae-9baf-a5401e7b528b_en?filename=MFF_New%20own%20resources_16.07-16h38.pdf.

² https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/env_waselecos/default/table?lang=en.