

**Question for written answer E-001078/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Fuel prices

The escalation of the conflict in Iran and volatility in energy markets have led to significant fuel price hikes in the European Union. While Brent crude oil prices have fluctuated, however, petrol prices at the pump remain high. This pattern reflects the ‘rocket and feather’ effect, when prices go up quickly but fall gradually.

This state of affairs highlights serious concerns about transparency and fairness in fuel pricing in the internal market and the speed at which cost fluctuations are passed on to consumers.

The Commission should safeguard transparent, competitive and fair fuel markets for European consumers. I would therefore like to ask the following questions:

1. Is the Commission monitoring fuel price pass-through mechanisms in the Member States?
2. What analytical tools¹ is the Commission using to detect distortions between oil prices, wholesalers and retailers?
3. What measures is the Commission considering to protect consumers and ensure cost reductions are reflected in the final price fairly and swiftly?

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¹ In addition to information from the *Weekly Oil Bulletin*.