

**Question for written answer E-004218/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Opening of an antitrust sector inquiry into random access memory manufacturers

Samsung, SK Hynix and Micron Technology share 90 % of the random access memory (RAM) market. RAM is a key component of our digital devices, but these three companies have, simultaneously, cut back the supply to the general public (computers, video game consoles, phones, etc.) in order to supply AI data centres.

As a result, RAM is now as expensive as it was in 2010 – sixteen years of falling prices wiped out in a matter of months. And these giants know that the cost of entering the market is so high that there will be no competitors to put an end to the skyrocketing prices.

In the meantime, it is Europeans who are bearing the cost. Computer manufacturers are announcing a 15 to 20 % price jump and Sony has increased the cost of its PS5 by EUR 100. As for the three manufactures, they are all making record profits.

However, the trio had already been sanctioned by the Commission in 2010 for colluding on prices and creating a cartel. On 25 June 2026, a new lawsuit involving the same allegations was brought against them in the United States.

Under its antitrust rules, does the Commission intend to launch a sector inquiry into these companies and, if necessary, take legal action against them?

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