

WRITTEN QUESTION No 1348/79**by Mr Damseaux****to the Commission of the European Communities***(14 December 1979)*

Subject: Measures to combat poverty in Europe

The Commission has published a report analysing the situation as regards poverty in the Community Member States.

In the light of its findings, does it intend either to recommend new measures to the Governments of the Member States or to review the action it has itself undertaken?

If so, in what sectors will the Commission seek to take remedial action in the years ahead?

Answer given by Mr Vredeling on behalf of the Commission*(29 May 1980)*

The Commission has nothing further to add to the reply it gave to Oral Question No H-251/79 put by the Honourable Member during Question Time at the November 1979 part-session of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Debates of the European Parliament, No 248 (November 1979) p. 235.

WRITTEN QUESTION No 1351/79**by Mr Forth****to the Commission of the European Communities***(14 December 1979)*

Subject: Access to and security of computer-processed data in the EEC

Can the Commission say what legislation exists, at either Community or Member State level, to control the flow and use of and access to computer-processed data held by governments and private sector organizations, and can the Commission see any need for a European Data Protection Authority (in the foreseeable future) to define, control or restrict free exchange of computer-based information between organizations in the Member States?

Answer given by Mr Davignon on behalf of the Commission*(21 February 1980)*

At present there is no Community legislation to protect data. However, several Member States (the Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark, France and Luxembourg) have introduced their own legislation.

A draft International Convention for the protection of persons in relation to computer-processed data of a personal nature is currently under discussion at the Council of Europe, and this provides for an Advisory Committee to monitor and if necessary to improve the implementation of the Convention. The Honourable Member is referred to the debate on Oral Question No 0-18/79 ⁽¹⁾ by Mr van Aerssen and to the Commission's answer to Written Question No 1166/79 ⁽²⁾ by Ms Clwyd, for further details.

The Commission will not be in a position to comment on the second part of the Honourable Member's question until the studies on the national data-protection bodies existing in certain Member States have produced the relevant information.

⁽¹⁾ Debates of the European Parliament No 245 (September 1979).

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 156, 25. 6. 1980, p. 19.

WRITTEN QUESTION No 1439/79**by Mr Buchou****to the Commission of the European Communities***(3 January 1980)*

Subject: Application of Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 concerning intra-Community trade in meat products

Is the Commission aware that certain points of Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 ⁽¹⁾ on intra-Community trade in meat products are too stringent?

Does it intend to allow a certain flexibility concerning the requirement that each establishment have a large number of separate rooms for the various phases of production and packaging, since many of these establishments, until now approved for export purposes, would need to carry out technical adaptations causing considerable financial problems in order to conform to this Directive?

Could the Commission not consider applying to such undertakings a system of aid adapted to these exceptional requirements?

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85. Amendments: OJ No L 68, 15. 3. 1977, p. 35 and OJ No L 76, 24. 3. 1977, p. 26.