

Question for oral answer O-000017/2024

to the Commission

Rule 142

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Subject: Revoking the declared climate and environmental emergency

In its resolution of 28 November 2019 on the climate and environment emergency¹, Parliament declared a climate and environmental emergency, and made a commitment to prioritise climate action over other policy interests, such as jobs, growth and competitiveness.

Since then, various legislative and other measures have been adopted which collectively pose challenges to citizens' socio-economic well-being, have significantly increased the cost of living and have negatively affected economic growth potential and competitiveness. After five years of prioritising climate action, it is time to adopt a new, more balanced approach.

1. Does the Commission acknowledge that the legislation enacted since 2019, taken as a whole, has had a negative impact on EU citizens' socio-economic well-being?
2. Does the Commission agree that a more balanced approach is needed, one that puts other policy goals – such as socio-economic welfare, the cost of living, growth potential and competitiveness – on an equal footing with climate action?
3. Does the Commission agree that the climate and environmental emergency declaration should be withdrawn?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2019-0078_EN.html.