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Dear Commissioner,

I would like to request information about the tax applied to railway locomotive fuel across the member states.

It has come to my attention that the UK Treasury has increased this tax by over 100% in the last three years, so I am interested in comparing the figures with those of the other EU countries. As I understand it, the tax is applied to heavy gas oil and, in 1990, a Commission survey revealed that the UK was the only member state enforcing such a measure. Given that some time has elapsed since then, and the European Community is now much larger, I would appreciate you sending me, or signposting me to, updated data.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP for South East England.