

**Question for written answer E-006316/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Grossly inadequate compensation for EU peach growers

The Commission representative has announced compensation of EUR 30m for peach growers in all the Member States. Far from going any way towards offsetting the major losses sustained by them, the proposed amount is insultingly low, given that, according to initial estimates, EUR 40m will be needed in Greece alone.

As well as being inadequate, the announced package of EUR 30m plus EUR 125m for the remaining market garden sector is not accompanied by any guarantees that it will actually reach its intended recipients. Furthermore, measures are also being taken to curtail supply, involving the destruction of crops that could otherwise benefit working class families.

In view of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of demands by growers for compensation in line with their actual losses?
2. What view does it take of their demands that the entire unsold peach crop be bought up - at last year's prices at least - for distribution where needed (hospitals, armed forces, the unemployed, the indigent) or for processing (juices, etc.)?