

**Question for written answer E-006454/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Wind farm madness in the United Kingdom

The following information is taken from a Daily Mail article about wind farm madness, headed 'Lunacy on sea'¹.

A wind turbine in Wales on which GBP 50 000 – some €63 000 – of taxpayers' money was spent proved to be so inefficient that it produced only GBP 5 (just over €6) worth of energy per month. That means that the turbine will have to operate for more than 750 years in order to more or less recoup its cost. Another wind turbine installed next to a school in Portland, Dorset, had to be switched off because it was killing so many seagulls, which was upsetting the schoolchildren. In addition, all the wind turbines located close to 16 schools in the north of Scotland had to be switched off because they were deemed to present a risk to the children's health and safety after one of the turbine blades broke off.

1. How much is being paid out in European subsidies for wind turbines in the United Kingdom? Please give an itemised answer.
2. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that, inter alia in view of the above examples, every cent spent on wind turbines is a complete waste of tax revenue and that wind turbines have once again been shown to be dangerous to the health and safety of people and animals? If not, why not?

¹ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2713830/Lunacy-sea-As-Ministers-agree-world-s-biggest-wind-farm-Brighton-Britain-succumbed-catastrophic-folly.html>