

**Question for written answer E-007990/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Bullfighting subsidies

I am receiving a significant number of complaints from members of the public concerning EU subsidies for bullfighting (i.e. CAP payments to farmers breeding for bullfighting)<sup>1</sup>.

Constituents share my view that bullfighting is a barbaric practice. As a child I was taken to a bullfight as part of an organised school trip; I clearly recall the stench of blood and my horror at people taking such pleasure in the suffering of animals. British taxpayers' money should not be subsidising bullfights.

I refer the Commission to its answer to Written Question E-000605/2013, which states that 'the majority of these potential beneficiaries do not focus exclusively on the activities relating to bullfighting'.

This answer is open to interpretation – could the Commission please confirm the following:

Do subsidies (whether focused exclusively on bullfighting or not) help to prop up bullfighting, particularly in Spain?

Do any subsidies go to farms which do focus exclusively on activities relating to bullfighting?

Finally, can the Commission please comment on the claim that such subsidies amount to EUR 129.6 million annually?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/spain/10059944/Britain-funding-Spanish-bullfighting-via-EU-subsidies.html>