

**Question for written answer E-009741/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Outstanding commitments and payments

During the budget conciliation process that ended without agreement on 17 November 2014, it emerged that the Commission has outstanding payments amounting to EUR 26 000 million.

In an effort to address this situation, Parliament has proposed increasing actual payments by EUR 5 000 million by making the appropriate amendments to the 2014 budget. The most this could achieve would be to stabilise the level of unpaid invoices.

1. Could the Commission provide a breakdown of the amount outstanding by budget heading and by item in the case of research and development and Erasmus grants?
2. What sums are involved in the case of Spain, and which beneficiaries have been hardest hit?