

**Question for written answer E-010566/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Common agricultural policy (CAP) payments to the UK

The UK has decided to increase the minimum level of land required to qualify for the basic payment scheme grant from 1 hectare to 5 hectares as of 1 January 2015.

Will the EU common agricultural policy (CAP) subsidy to the UK remain the same regardless of the minimum level chosen?

If the EU CAP subsidy for the UK remains the same regardless of the minimum level chosen, does this mean that, as smallholder farmers will be excluded from the scheme, larger farmers will receive higher CAP payments?

Has the Commission considered imposing a cap on the total sum that an individual applicant can receive through the basic payment scheme grant?