

Question for written answer E-003671/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Traditional own resources

I have been contacted by a constituent who has questions concerning how much it costs national governments to administer raising EU taxes, otherwise called traditional own resources (TOR).

My constituent tells me that 25 % of TOR is retained by Member States, to offset the cost of administering the raising of those funds assigned to the EU budget.

Can the Commission:

1. estimate, by individual Member State, the sum of the cost (for the last year for which the figures are available) of administering the levying of all the Member States' financial contributions to the EU budget?
2. confirm how much of that administrative cost is not deducted from the Member States' contribution but is an additional administrative cost?
3. confirm which forms of levying it believes to be most cost-effective and the mechanisms it would prefer to see extended over the long term?