

**Question for written answer E-003715/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Compensation for citrus and avocado producers in the municipality of Platania in the Prefecture of Chania in Crete for losses caused by gale-force winds

The extreme weather conditions and gale-force winds that hit the Municipality of Platania and the Prefecture of Chania in Crete in general in early February 2015 wiped out citrus and avocado crops.

The worst damage was to Merlin orange orchards and avocado crops were also damaged, with 30 % of the overall crop falling to the ground.

As a result, local farmers impoverished by the Memorandum are now unable to pay their bills.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

What measures does it intend to approve to support the citrus and avocado farmers in the Municipality of Platania and the Prefecture of Chania in Crete in general to compensate them for the damage caused to their crops by the gale-force winds and to what timetable?