

**Question for written answer E-004177/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Possibility of tenant farmers receiving Community aid

During a recent visit to the parish of Curral das Freiras, on the island of Madeira – a parish in which farming is the predominant economic activity – I spoke with several farmers, particularly producers of fruit and vegetables, cherries and chestnuts, who told me about a situation that seems unfair. The large majority of farmers are tenants, and it is not they, but the landowners, who receive financial aid under EU agricultural aid programmes.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of this situation?
2. Is there any possibility of reversing the situation, so that agricultural financial aid is paid directly to farmers?