

**Question for written answer E-004510/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Compensation for farmers in Tenagi Philippon in the Prefecture of Kavala for damage caused to their crops by extreme weather conditions

The heavy rainfall which hit Tenagi Philippon in the Prefecture of Kavala on 8 to 10 March 2015 was catastrophic. The soil was already saturated from previous rainfall and the additional water was unable to drain away. An estimated 80 000 decares were flooded and the fields not flooded cannot be cultivated; as a result, farmers in the area have sustained huge financial losses from lost crops and are now unable to pay their bills.

In view of the above, will the Commission say what funds it intends to release and to what timetable for the purpose of:

1. full and immediate compensation of the farmers of Tenagi Philippon in the Prefecture of Kavala impoverished by the memorandum for the above damage caused to their crops by the above extreme weather conditions and
2. construction of flood protection works in the area.