

Question for written answer E-006088/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Possible cut in direct subsidies to farmers

On 26 March 2015 the Commission adopted and presented proposals to comply with the financial discipline for the 2016 budget. One of the planned measures is a 1.39% cut in direct subsidies for farmers. I agree with the need to fulfil the duty of a balanced budget and financial discipline in the EU, but would be interested to know:

- Which budget items has the Commission considered reducing most, to avoid cutting direct subsidies to farmers as far as possible?
- What impact does it expect the cutback to have on the agricultural sector, which is already in a difficult position?
- Will the cutback apply uniformly across all Member States, or will the individual situations of each Member State be considered?