Question for written answer E-012955/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Julie Girling (ECR)

Subject: CAP disallowance penalties

I have been trying to obtain comparative data on so-called 'disallowance penalties' imposed on Member States by the Commission when it believes that Member States have not complied with its requirements for the proper control and administration of payments under CAP.

I have found that the UK has incurred fines of over GBP 640 million since 2005 (from the UK's National Audit Office), but I cannot find anywhere on the DG AGRI website what fines have been imposed on other Member States.

I am aware that information on the procedure to recover EU agricultural policy funds, unduly spent by Member States, can be found on the DG AGRI website¹, and that each individual fine is published in the Official Journal, but this does not give a cumulative picture of the total level of fines, nor does it allow for a comparison between Member States.

Is the Commission able to provide such data, and can it explain why such comparative data is not readily available to the public?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-funding/audit/index_en.htm