Question for written answer E-006350/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Loss of the UK contribution to the budget of the EU

The multiannual financial framework (MFF) scheduled for the end of 2016 will be used to orient the EU budget towards growth, competitiveness and employment. The commitments, according to Commission figures, will be in excess of EUR 150 billion per year until 2020.

According to figures from the Centre for European Policy Studies, the UK's share of total contributions between 2007 and 2013 was 10.7 %, which represented a significant proportion of the EU's general budget.

Can the Commission comment on whether losing 10 % of MFF commitments would negatively affect EU programmes?

Assuming the UK were to leave the EU before 2020, can the Commission reassure EU citizens that the commitments for the MFF 2014-2020 can still be made despite the potential loss of UK contributions?

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