Question for written answer E-008939/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Lorenzo Fontana (ENF)

Subject: Funding for Turkey

On Thursday 24 November, the European Parliament, at its plenary session in Strasbourg, voted by a majority in favour of the resolution on EU-Turkey relations 2016/2993(RSP).

This resolution made the negotiations conditional upon respect for human rights and civil liberties by Turkey, albeit while confirming the Commission's 'commitment' to 'keeping Turkey anchored to the EU'.

On 18 March the heads of state and government of the EU Member States, meeting in Brussels, adopted the agreement with Turkey to address the migration crisis. In short, the agreement provides for the return of irregular migrants to Turkey, the relocation of some Syrian refugees, exemption from the visa requirement – subject to 72 specific criteria – for Turkish citizens in the EU, the reopening of new negotiating chapters for Turkey's accession to the EU and the granting of several billion euro to the Turkish Government.

On the basis of this information, can the Commission answer the following questions:

What funding, in detail, has been provided for and, to date, allocated for the agreement on migrants?

What is the amount of funding earmarked for Turkey in the current 7-year programming period under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)?