

**Question for written answer E-008996/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Reporting to European taxpayers on aid to the Palestinian Authority

On a mission to Israel from 11 to 17 November 2016, in my capacity as an MEP, I had the opportunity to speak to a number of Israeli Government ministers as well as with local authorities.

I was told that since the signing of the Oslo Accords, the Palestinian Authority had received more than EUR 20 billion in international aid, of which more than EUR 6 billion had come from the European Union, funded by European taxpayers, who have the right to be told how their money has been used.

Over the last 10 years, the Human Development Index in Palestine has stagnated. Many questions remain over the possibility that some of the aid paid to the Palestinians has been diverted by terrorist movements, in particular for the construction of tunnels to smuggle not only goods but also jihadists between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

1. Can the Commission state how much aid the EU has paid to the Palestinian Authority since the signing of the Oslo Accords, and also provide examples of projects that have been financed which have tangibly improved the lives of Palestinians?
2. Does the EU finance, or would it be prepared to finance, specific Israeli-Palestinian cooperation projects (the mayor of Sderot, for example, is planning a free zone between Israel and Gaza)?