

**Question for written answer E-009445/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Rural development in the West Midlands

One of the criteria for the selection of rural development projects under the EAFRD is that the project output (i.e. the number of jobs it creates) can be sustained on a long-term basis.

Can the Commission provide some data on how sustainable rural development projects in the West Midlands have been under the EAFRD between 2007 and 2013?