

**Question for written answer E-009446/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Superfast broadband and EAFRD

Providing rural areas with access to superfast broadband is an essential way to support economic development and create jobs. The UK Government is investing GBP 780 million through Broadband Delivery UK to overcome the market failure in rural areas. The aim is to provide 95 % of UK premises with superfast broadband coverage by 2017.

Can the Commission provide some information as to how the EAFRD is being used to meet the critical need for investment in hard-to-reach areas in the UK?