

**Question for written answer E-001744/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Liabilities in EU accounts

The Court of Auditors report on the implementation of the EU budget for the 2015 financial year states that 'The accounts published by the Commission show that, at 31 December 2015, total liabilities amounted to 226.1 billion euro compared to 153.7 billion euro of total assets.'

1. Have there been higher liabilities compared to assets in the EU accounts each year from 1973 onwards?
2. When a new country joins the EU, does it receive any compensation for taking on a share of EU liabilities?