

**Question for written answer E-001746/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Court of Auditors' report - clarification

The Court of Auditors' Annual Report on the EU budget 2015 states (page 15, 1.5): '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. The deficit for 2015 amounts to 13,0 billion euro'.

Could the Commission clarify if the 'assets' include EU revenue from the Member States (national contributions)? Can it give a definition of what is considered 'assets' and what 'liabilities'?

Could the Commission clarify how the 'deficit' is calculated, given that the difference between assets and liabilities in the above figures is different from the stated figure of EUR 13 billion?