

**Question for written answer P-006190/2011
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: EU funding for Ahava Dead Sea Laboratories

The Commission will be aware:

- that Ahava Dead Sea laboratories (ADSL) has received EU funding through one FP5, and three FP7 research projects;
- that only the overall grant sums for each project are available in the public domain;
- that the ADSL factory is located in the illegal settlement of Mitzpe Shalem, which openly defies the fourth Geneva Convention concerning the colonization of occupied territory (Section III, Article 49); and
- that the ADSL actively appropriates natural resources from the occupied Palestinian territories, also in open defiance of the fourth Geneva Convention (Section III, Article 53) as well as Article 52 of the Annex to the Hague Regulations, 1899.

I would like to ask the Commission:

1. As a partner in different consortiums receiving EU funding, how much did ADSL, as an individual organisation, receive from the EU under the FP5 (for 'CELLAGE') and how much is it currently receiving from each of the three FP7 projects ('SKINTREAT', 'NANOTHER' and 'NANORETOX')?
2. How does the Commission justify granting EU research funds to ADSL, whose activities breach the fourth Geneva Convention as well as the EU's policy on colonization of the Occupied Palestinian Territories?