

**Question for written answer Z-000071/2017
to the European Central Bank**
Rule 131
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Subject: Printing of banknotes in EU countries

Is it true that the Luxembourg Central Bank issues an unusually large amount of cash, in proportion to its national GDP, compared with other Member States in the euro group?

How many banknotes - broken down by face value and country of issue - have been printed in the euro area since the introduction of the euro?

How much money is printed each year relative to the GDP of each country, and what explanation is there for differences between the Member States?