

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0462/02

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to the Commission

Subject: Problems relating to set-aside in Greece

On 17 January 2002 thirty Members of the Greek Parliament tabled a topical question to the Ministry of Agriculture in which they drew attention to the host of problems relating to the programme for the long-term set-aside of agricultural land (Regulation (EC) 2078/92)¹.

Will the Commission say how many – and which – prefectures took part in this programme, what were – in the view of the Commission services – the results of this participation, whether the restitution of the subsidies provided within the framework of this programme is being considered – or has already been requested – and what were precisely the irregularities identified by the Commission during the implementation of this programme in Greece? What specific responsibility does the Greek Ministry of Agriculture have for the irregularities in the management of the programme alleged by the Greek Members of Parliament?

¹ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, page 85.