

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0214/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Details of EU funding to the Palestinian Authority

Several constituents of mine have written to me to express their concerns about the much publicised doubts over the use of European Union funds by the Palestinian Authority (PA). To date, detailed information and accounting of the funds the EU provides the PA, to either substantiate or negate the allegations, have been lacking.

In view of the continued allegations concerning the misuse of EU funds to the PA and the confidentiality of the European Parliament Working Group looking into this matter, can the Commission explain (a) the level of EU funding to the PA over the past three years; (b) the details of the purpose of the budget (as stated in the PA application) and (c) what sums are anticipated for 2003-2004?