

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0526/05
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to the Commission

Subject: GDP breakdown for the Madeira Region (Portugal)

Having regard to Eurostat's publication of the GDP of the Member States and their respective regions,

Having regard to the final figures for the Madeira Autonomous Region (per capital GDP of 87.9% of the 25 - Member EU average),

Whereas the actual level of economic development is different from what is obtained by merely recording the transactions carried out by citizens and companies, without any effect on regional economic life,

Will the Commission provide me with the maximum possible breakdown permissible in terms of legal obligations (i.e. respecting statistical secrecy) of the final GDP values for the Madeira Autonomous Region and specifically, of the contribution made to these final figures by the 'financial services' and the 'international services' of the Madeira International Business Centre, and also details of the way these figures have evolved over the last five years?