

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1111/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Expenses of the Special Envoy for the Middle East

Since June 2007 the former United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair has been the Special Envoy of the Quartet on the Middle East, the mediation body drawn from the United Nations, the United States, the European Union and Russia. According to media reports, Tony Blair receives an expense allowance of EUR 112 424 for doing this job.

1. Can the Commission confirm that this is the amount paid to the Special Envoy?
2. If so, can the Commission confirm that this is purely an expense allowance?
3. If not, what is the amount paid to the Special Envoy?
4. Who pays the Middle East Special Envoy's expense allowance?
5. What portion of the total amount is an expense allowance?
6. Does the Special Envoy receive other remuneration in addition to this?
7. What staff resources and infrastructure are available to the Special Envoy?
8. What budget is made available for staff resources and infrastructure?
9. Who pays for the Special Envoy's staff and infrastructure?
10. What is the Commission's assessment of the work done so far by the Special Envoy?
11. Does the Commission have any information regarding the length of the Special Envoy's appointment?