

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2705/09

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to the Commission

Subject: EU subsidies for bullfighting

Could the Commission clarify its position as regards recent reforms of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), whose single payment scheme may now inadvertently lead to EU subsidies being given to EU farmers who breed bullfighting bulls?

Does the Commission not agree that it is unacceptable for European taxpayers' money to be used to subsidise such a blood sport even though it is banned in many of the Member States?

Would the Commission consider increasing transparency as regards where EU farm subsidies end up, and make public any payment which directly or indirectly goes to breeders of fighting bulls?