

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2724/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Statements made by the Director-General of EuropeAid

The press article entitled "Budget support is heaven", which appeared in the German newspaper "Tagesspiegel" on 30 March 2009, reports:

Koos Richelle is, however, dismissive of the European Parliament's target of putting at least 20% of budget support into education programmes. In Uganda, for example, this would lead to having to pay money for a higher birth rate. 'Who is supposed to fill all the schools that have been built?'

Can the Commission state whether the Director-General of EuropeAid, Koos Richelle, has been correctly quoted here?

The article can be consulted on:
<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/international/Entwicklungshilfe;art123,2762424>