

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2515/10  
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to the Commission

Subject: The EU contribution to the Palestinian Authority

1. Is the Commission aware of the report entitled '\$12 Billion to PA had no economic impact; Where did it go?'<sup>1</sup>. If so, what is the Commission's view of this report?
2. Does the Commission have any idea where the outrageous sum of EUR 1 billion, which the EU gives to the Palestinians every year, really goes? If so, can the Commission provide a summary to the last cent? If not, why not?
3. Can the Commission explain what influence the yearly flow of money from the EU to the Palestinian Authority has on the economy there? If not, why not?
4. Does the Commission share my view that, in these times of economic crisis, not a cent more should be given to the bottomless pit that is the Palestinian Authority so long as it is not clear what this money is being spent on and what effect it is having? If so, is the Commission prepared to set a good example to the international community and turn off the tap? If not, how will the Commission explain this to the citizens of Europe who have to tighten their belts because of the economic crisis and daily have to bear the cost of the Commission's extravagance?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/136772>.