

**Question for written answer E-000180/2011
to the Commission**
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Subject: Repayment of EU funds by those responsible for the dioxin scandal

The current dioxin scandal in Germany resulted from dioxin getting in to feedstuffs, and thus contaminating eggs, poultry meat and pork. The cause is proven to have been criminal activity. This means that manufacturers of feedstuffs mixed dioxin fats into compound feedstuffs and thus endangered public health to a considerable extent.

Feed manufacturers often receive financial support, from the Member States or at European level, even though they endanger the health of EU citizens through abusive practices.

1. Will the Commission consider obliging the company that has been proven to have caused the dioxin scandal to pay back EU funding it has received?
2. If so, could this model not be applied in future to similar cases, in which companies cause contamination to foodstuffs?