

**Question for written answer E-000539/2012**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**John Bufton (EFD)**

Subject: Fees for eurozone debt manipulation

The *Sunday Times* of 15 January 2012 quotes a trader as saying that: 'Every Eurozone country was more than happy to pay big fees for anything that could make its debt look smaller'.

Has the Commission investigated or does it have plans to investigate the extent to which Eurozone Member States have behaved in this way and has it estimated any liabilities arising?