

**Question for written answer E-010085/2012
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: EU funding for Ford

Ford intends to close its assembly plant in Genk by 2014 which will result in around 4 300 workers losing their jobs. This will have a considerable social and economic impact, not only on the region involved but also on all of Belgium and the EU. For this reason, it would be interesting to obtain the following information from the Commission:

1. Does the car manufacturer Ford receive European funding
 - for research and development,
 - as grants to attract industry via the Structural Funds,
 - as employment aid via the European Social Fund?
2. If necessary, would the Commission recover this funding because of the plant closure, the severe job losses in Belgium associated with the closure and its impact throughout Europe?