

**Question for written answer E-011510/2012  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Norwegian and UK contributions to the EU

In his Blenheim Palace speech on the UK and Europe of 21 September 2012, Mr Radek Sikorski, Foreign Minister of Poland, stated that 'at the moment, Norway's net contribution to the EU budget is actually higher, per capita, than Britain's'. The same statement by the minister is quoted in *The Economist*.

Exactly the same argument has been presented by a Danish EU expert, but this claim was disputed shortly afterwards by the Danish public service radio station, Danmarks Radio (DR).

- Will the Commission please clarify whether it is true that the UK pays more per capita to the EU than Norway?
- In addition, the Commission is asked to provide precise figures for the following:
  1. Norway's gross contribution to the EU;
  2. the UK's gross contribution to the EU;
  3. Norway's total net contribution to the EU and its net contribution per capita;
  4. the UK's total net contribution to the EU and its net contribution per capita.