

**Question for written answer E-006405/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Level of payments as of 31 May 2013

After the approval of Draft Amending Budget No 6/2012, the Commission, at the request of the Budgetary Authority, came forward with a Draft Amending Budget No 2/2013 amounting to EUR 11, 2 billion, which will allow all the legal payment obligations left pending at the end of 2012, as well as those arising before the end of 2013, to be covered in this year's budget.

At the ECOFIN meeting of 14 May 2013, a political agreement was reached to provide the extra funding for the 2013 Budget in two tranches, with the first one amounting to EUR 7, 3 billion while the ministers committed to come back on the issue later in the year. However, there has been no formal commitment on the remaining EUR 3, 9 billion of Draft Amending Budget 2/2013.

Taking all the above into consideration and given the fact that the level of payments for the 2013 EU Budget is EUR 5 billion lower than the Commission's estimates for payment needs in its 2013 Draft Budget, could the Commission provide us with detailed information on the level of payments received by 31 May 2013?

Specifically, could the Commission detail the payments received in the months of January, February, March, April and May 2013, broken down by Member State and policy area/programme?