

**Question for written answer E-011826/2013  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
Peter van Dalen (ECR)**

Subject: Spending of European aid funds in the Palestinian territories

*The Sunday Times* reported on 13 October that the Court of Auditors concluded in a recent investigation report that the EU aid funds given to the Palestinian Authority may not be being spent properly. The Palestinian Authority has been given EUR 1.95 billion in support from the EU between 2008 and 2012. EU investigators were reported to have identified significant shortcomings in the management of how this money was spent. There has been inadequate monitoring to see whether the money has been misspent, wasted and/or misappropriated.

1. Is the Commission aware of the article which appeared in *The Sunday Times* on 13 October about the management of the EU aid funds given to the Palestinian Authority?
2. Does the Commission agree with the conclusion of the Court of Auditors that the aid funds given to the Palestinian Authority may not be properly accounted for? If not, why not?
3. What is the exact amount of EU aid funds which have been paid to the Palestinian Authority by the EU between 2008 and 2012 and may not have been sufficiently accounted for?
4. Will the Commission recover this money from the Palestinian Authority? If not, why not?
5. How will the Commission improve, in future, its management of how EU funds are spent in the Palestinian territories?
6. Can the Commission give me the reassurance that EU aid funds are not going to (members of) organisations featuring on the European list of terrorist organisations?