

**Question for written answer E-013829/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: EU agricultural subsidies for the Facebook game 'Farmville'

1. Is the Commission familiar with the Dutch article entitled 'EU geeft 500 000 euro subsidie voor boerderij in Farmville' [EU grants EUR 500 000 subsidy for farm in Farmville]¹? If not, why not?
2. Is the Commission aware of the fact that an agricultural subsidy (of EUR 500 000) was granted to a Facebook game called 'Farmville'? If not, why not?
3. Is the Commission of the opinion that something needs to be done in order to prevent the awarding of such (agricultural) subsidies to games in future? If not, why not?
4. Does the Commission share the view that agricultural subsidies are absolutely not intended for this purpose and that the awarding of subsidies – taxpayers' money – needs to be handled extremely carefully in future? If not, why not?
5. Is the Commission prepared to provide transparency by making public what other games have been granted subsidies? If not, why not?
6. What steps is the Commission going to take to get back this money, which is, after all, taxpayers' money?

¹ <http://nutech.nl/games/3646107/eu-geeft-500000-euro-subsidie-boerderij-in-farmville.html>