

**Question for written answer E-000290/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Total expenditure for fixed-rate payments for travel to the place of origin of Officials of the Commission

Officials are entitled to receive a fixed-rate payment once a year equivalent to the costs of travel from the place of employment to their place of origin for themselves and, in so far as they are entitled to the household allowance, for their spouses and dependents (Annex VII, Section 3 C, Article 8 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities of 1 May 2004).

1. How many a) officials and b) contract staff members of the Commission received the automatic fixed-rate payment for travel to their place of origin in 2013?
2. What was the Commission's expenditure for refunding these expenses provided for in the Staff Regulations during 2013?
3. How much was the average fixed-rate payment? How much was the smallest fixed-rate payment that was made; how much was the largest fixed-rate payment that was made?