Question for written answer E-002379/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Kay Swinburne (ECR)

Subject: Leasing of agricultural land for the installation of solar panels

I am aware that within my own constituency the number of planning applications for the construction of solar parks on agricultural land is increasing.

In light of this, a constituent contacted me recently to express his concern that, in some cases, the owners of agricultural land which has been leased to solar park developers for the purpose of installing solar panels may also be able to receive single farm payments for the land in question.

Can the Commission confirm whether, under the rules of the Common Agricultural Policy, land which has been leased for the installation of solar panels could be eligible for a single farm payment?

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