

**Question for written answer E-005546/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Publication of economic models for assessment of the budgetary situation of euro area Member States

Under Article 7(4), fourth subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 473/2013, the Commission is required to publish its methodology (including models) in the overall assessment of the budgetary situation and prospects in the euro area: 'The methodology (including models) and assumptions of the most recent economic forecasts of the Commission services for each Member State, including estimates of the impact of aggregated budgetary measures on economic growth, shall be annexed to the overall assessment.'

In the annex to the overall assessment of 2016 draft budgetary plans (COM(2015) 800 final) the Commission quotes this passage omitting the words in brackets 'including models' (p.6).

In the light of the above, I have the following questions:

1. Where does the Commission publish full documentation regarding the models underlying its overall assessment?
2. Does the Commission publish the computer code of these models in order to enable MEPs to reproduce the Commission's results without undue difficulty?
3. If not, why is the Commission not making the computer code available?