

**Question for written answer E-003257/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Hamas: the Arab-Palestinian terrorist group's use of tunnels in Gaza for military and terrorist purposes

Over the past few years, an inordinate number of Arab Palestinians in Gaza have made illicit use of different aid measures, including humanitarian assistance, to build a variety of tunnels and other underground infrastructure for terrorist and military purposes.

Seeking to use buildings and human beings as shields against pre-emptive defence strikes by the Israel Defence Forces, the Arab-Palestinian terrorist group Hamas put down this vast military and terrorist apparatus beneath mosques, schools, hospitals and densely populated residential buildings.

This extensive network, which is of no actual use to local residents, has required a large and predominantly young Palestinian workforce, meaning wages have had to be paid and other social provisions made. Moreover, digging out and building the infrastructure has necessitated a substantial amount of material, equipment and resources, including a great deal of electricity, fuel and electrical equipment.

Can the Commission provide an estimate, in euro, of the total amount of its financial assistance – direct and indirect – siphoned off by the Arab-Palestinian terrorist group Hamas in order to build underground terrorist infrastructure as part of its war against the Jewish State of Israel?

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