ORAL QUESTION H-0251/07 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Leopold Józef Rutowicz to the Commission

Subject: Management of EU funds

The funds earmarked for the running of Parliament's buildings in Strasbourg – the IPE-0, IPE-1 and IPE-2 (otherwise known as the WIC and SDM Buildings) – could be put to uses that are of greater benefit to society, such as scientific research. The existence of overpayments amounting, according to the estimates made by Parliament's Administration, to at least € 32 million over the 25-year lease period, has given rise to much controversy. (A6-0280/2006, Ferber report)

What plans are there for EU funds to be managed in such a way as to restrict spending on building leases and make better use of the buildings themselves, thus reducing administrative costs?

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