WRITTEN QUESTION P-2587/06 by Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Application of the n+2 rule for the Structural Funds

According to the rules on the application of the n+2 rule for the release of structural funding, the procedure for the release of monies for the year n should be completed by the end of May of year n+3.

Can the Commission provide the following information:

- the results of the application of the n+2 rule to the 2003 commitments (indicating where some or all of the data is provisional) for individual countries, objectives and funds, expressed in euro and as a percentage;
- tables giving an overview of the years 2000 to 2003 for individual countries, objectives and funds, expressed in euro and as a percentage;
- any other information the Commission considers relevant for gaining a clearer idea of how the n+2 rule has worked so far.

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