

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4927/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Banana reform

With regard to the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 404/93, (EC) No 1782/2003 and (EC) No 247/2006 concerning the banana sector (COM(2006) 489 final), and with specific reference to the total amount of aid to the POSEI regions, would the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What is the total amount of aid per group to:
  - the French Overseas Departments
  - the Azores and Madeira
  - the Canary Islands?
2. How much is total direct payments, both coupled and decoupled, and how much is supply aid?
3. How much direct aid is rendered per active banana farmer in each region, and what is the level of aid per cultivated hectare?
4. How does the Commission justify the fact that the total amount of aid to the POSEI regions will increase in future years, and seems to be out of proportion?