

**Question for written answer P-8998/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Monitoring of publicly-funded environmental schemes under Pillar 2 of the Common Agricultural Policy

What mechanisms does the Commission have for monitoring, at Member State level, environmental schemes publicly funded under Pillar 2 of CAP?

In particular is the Commission aware and would it approve, as appears to have occurred in the Ancholme valley area of North Lincolnshire, of outside landowning interests acquiring local land and making fundamental changes to the local landscape apparently without local consultation, this apparently leading to limited environmental gain as against the loss of high- grade agricultural land from production?

What impact assessment of such schemes and their wider implications for food security and environmental impact does the Commission intend?