

**Question for written answer P-004448/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Budget for animal diseases

It is well known that budgets are tight. The European Union is experiencing difficulty in finding the resources to meet the commitments into which it has entered.

In the past, the costs associated with outbreaks of infectious animal diseases have necessitated substantial contributions by European tax-payers.

If an infectious animal disease were to break out, it could again involve substantial unforeseen expenditure.

1. How would the Commission finance the costs associated with outbreaks of certain infectious animal diseases?
2. In the past, studies have been performed in order to devise European-inspired insurance schemes for animal diseases based on experience of them in certain Member States. Does the Commission consider that the time is still not ripe to inspire other Member States likewise to devise such insurance schemes?