Question for written answer E-014524/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Aid package for the dairy sector

The Commission recently announced an aid package worth EUR 420 million to support European milk and pork producers. This aid comes at a particularly serious time for the farming industry, with a fall in the prices paid to producers that is threatening the survival of thousands of farms.

It has been reported that a number of doubts have arisen over the way in which this aid has been distributed among individual Member States. For example, Spain, whose milk quota is three times higher than the Portuguese quota, will receive a sum five times higher than the amount allocated to Portugal (EUR 4.8 million).

How does the Commission explain this discrepancy? What criteria were used when distributing the EUR 420 million package among the Member States?

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