

**Question for written answer E-014968/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Ruža Tomašić (ECR)**

Subject: Temporary direct aid to farmers in the livestock sector

Pursuant to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1853 of 15 October 2015 providing for temporary exceptional aid to farmers in the livestock sector, EUR 420 million was made available to the Member States, of which 1.8% of the total funds has been earmarked for Croatia.

Support was provided to mitigate the consequences of market disruptions caused by the fall in global demand for milk and dairy products, the loss of Russia as an export market and drought during the summer months. It was intended for the dairy sector, as well as the beef, veal, pork, sheep and goat meat sectors.

Are there deadlines that the Member States must meet before the aforementioned funds can be paid out?

Has the Commission devised objective criteria to determine a method for distributing targeted support, or is this left to the Member States to decide?

Furthermore, has the Commission devised a specific mechanism for reviewing, i.e. monitoring, the transparency of payments?