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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2448/97****by Marjo Matikainen-Kallström (PPE) to the Commission***(16 July 1997)**Subject:* School milk programme

The objective of the school milk programme is to feed growing children with the EU's surplus fats. Many studies have shown that the consumption of full-fat milk starts the process of the hardening of children's blood vessels. In the interests of promoting health the milk programme should support the use of fat-free milk and dairy products and vegetable fat products.

What is the Commission's assessment of the nutritional health problems associated with the school milk programme? What does it propose to do to develop the school milk programme in such a way that it supports the healthy development and growth of children and young people?

**Answer given by Mr Fischler on behalf of the Commission***(10 September 1997)*

Whilst it is accepted that a general reduction in fat consumption would contribute to public health, this does not require milk fat to be absent from the diet of school children. Against this background, and given that the list of eligible products under the Community school milk scheme includes both whole milk and semi-skimmed milk products, this programme should assist in the composition of a varied and balanced diet for school children.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2451/97****by Frank Vanhecke (NI) to the Commission***(16 July 1997)**Subject:* Community subsidies

In 1996, 53 applications for subsidies relating to measures to benefit migrants in Belgium were approved. The total amount involved was ECU 1 767 726.40 (budget item B96 B3-4110).

Does the Commission check to see whether the Belgian associations applying for subsidies are already receiving subsidies at municipal, provincial or national level?

If not, does it not feel that this should be done in the future?

If so, can associations receiving subsidies in Belgium also apply for subsidies provided by the European Union (B96 B3-4110)?

Does the Commission not feel in this case that associations which are already being subsidized should not be permitted to apply for money from the Union?

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-2452/97****by Frank Vanhecke (NI) to the Commission***(16 July 1997)**Subject:* Community subsidies

Under budget item B96 B3-4110 (transaction SOC96100150) the Belgian 'Jongerencentrum Chicago' received a subsidy of ECU 25 970. The aim of this subsidy was: 'Setting up a permanent information centre 'PIP' for young people who are not reached by the normal services (reception, infotheque, PC, telephone for job applications, training, social work for the homeless, etc.).'

Can the Commission say precisely which association this is and where the 'Jongerencentrum Chicago' is located? Can it give the names of the persons who submitted the application for the subsidy?