

Answer given by Mr Marín on behalf of the Commission*(17 February 1998)*

In view of the length of its answer, the Commission is sending it direct to the Honourable Member and to Parliament's Secretariat.

(98/C 187/193)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4091/97**by Peter Truscott (PSE) to the Commission***(16 January 1998)*

Subject: Funding for Hertfordshire in 1994-1997 from the Forestry Guidance Fund and from the CAP

Would the Commission please inform me of the amount of funding Hertfordshire has received from the Forestry Guidance Fund and from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997?

Answer given by Mr Fischler on behalf of the Commission*(5 February 1998)*

The Commission is unable to provide the requested information as a breakdown of expenditure on a county basis is not available to it.

(98/C 187/194)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4110/97**by Mihail Papayannakis (GUE/NGL) to the Commission***(16 January 1998)*

Subject: Purification Plant in Patras

A biological purification plant for the municipality of Patras is currently under construction in the Kokkinos Mylos area of the Paralias Patron seafront. Complaints have been received from local residents concerning the environmental impact of alleged irregularities regarding the project and the environmental impact thereof.

Is the Commission aware of these allegations? Has an appropriate environmental impact survey been carried out and is any alternative solution possible?

Answer given by Mrs Bjerregaard on behalf of the Commission*(12 February 1998)*

The Commission is financing the Patras purification plant through the Cohesion Fund (project No 94/09.61.029)-1).

According to information passed on to the Commission by the Greek authorities, an environmental impact assessment was carried out and closed by Ministerial Decision No 30339 on 20 July 1994. The issue of alternative solutions must, where appropriate, be dealt with in the framework of such an evaluation. However the decision regarding the choice of site resides with the national authorities.

The Commission has not yet received complaints concerning the project in question.