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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2049/99**by Jeffrey Titford (EDD) to the Commission***(3 November 1999)*

Subject: Current position of Mr van Buitenen

Can the Commission state when Mr van Buitenen, who correctly reported on huge levels of corruption, fraud and nepotism within the European Union, will be fully reinstated in his post?

If he has not yet been fully reinstated, can the Commission explain why?

Answer given by Mr Kinnock on behalf of the Commission*(2 December 1999)*

Mr Paul van Buitenen was fully reinstated at his continued grade and salary, on 16 April 1999, in a post corresponding to his qualifications and training. Since then, he has worked in the Personnel and Administration Directorate General. He was also subsequently informed, in keeping with the Regulation, that he would be entitled to apply for any post for which he is qualified in the Commission or any of the other European Institutions if he wished to at any time in the future.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2052/99**by Alexandros Alavanos (GUE/NGL) to the Commission***(3 November 1999)*

Subject: Fraud by undertakings in Greece

Auditing and judicial authorities in Greece have found that limited companies which received substantial aid under Greek development law 1892/90 have committed a series of offences (document forgeries, invoicing of reduced amounts for material and equipment, etc.) and illegally received subsidies worth many billions of drachmas. These companies are as follows: Sofem Ltd., Farmer Ltd., Endysi Ltd., Biotep Ltd., Plexi Ltd., Astria Ltd., Athlitiká Organa Thrakis Ltd., Diavitiká Edesmata Ltd., Iatriká Eidi Boriou Elladas Ltd., Klimatistiká Boriou Elladas Ltd., and probably others.

Will the Commission say:

1. Have these undertakings received EU aid through the development law or other programmes?
2. If so, can it give a detailed breakdown of the type and amount of the illegal subsidies received per undertaking and say what measures it intends to take to clear the matter up completely?

Answer given by Mr Barnier on behalf of the Commission*(21 December 1999)*

According to information provided by the Greek authorities, none of the companies mentioned by the Honourable Member or any other companies that have allegedly received unlawful public funding have been co-funded by the Community structural funds.