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2. whether the municipality of Pistoia has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

(2004/C 11 E/167)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1201/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(2 April 2003)

Subject: Use of funds under the Sport for the Disabled programme by the municipality of Prato

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can the Commission state:

1. whether the municipality of Prato has submitted projects for the Sport for the Disabled programme?
2. whether the municipality of Prato has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

(2004/C 11 E/168)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1202/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(2 April 2003)

Subject: Use of funds under the Sport for the Disabled programme by the municipality of Siena

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Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Siena, urgently need to use European funds for the integration of disabled people through sport,

can the Commission state:

1. whether the municipality of Siena has submitted projects for the Sport for the Disabled programme?
2. whether the municipality of Siena has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

(2004/C 11 E/169)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1203/03

by Roberta Angelilli (UEN) to the Commission

(2 April 2003)

Subject: Use of funds under the Sport for the Disabled programme by the municipality of Terni

In September 2002, the monitoring committee of the Italian Ministry for Economic Affairs issued a report on the spending of EU funds.

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The grave concerns about the inadequate use of European funds by local authorities have frequently been echoed by the Commission.

Bearing in mind that some local authorities, such as the municipality of Terni, urgently need to use European funds for the integration of disabled people through sport,

can the Commission state:

1. whether the municipality of Terni has submitted projects for the Sport for the Disabled programme?
2. whether the municipality of Terni has secured funding for these projects?
3. whether this funding has been used?

Joint answer

**to Written questions E-0860/03, E-0885/03, E-1191/03, E-1192/03,
E-1193/03, E-1194/03, E-1195/03, E-1196/03, E-1197/03, E-1198/03,
E-1199/03, E-1200/03, E-1201/03, E-1202/03 and E-1203/03
given by Mr Barnier on behalf of the Commission**

(23 April 2003)

The Commission does not doubt the importance of integrating disabled persons through sport, but has no specific programme in this field.

As regards the possible part-financing by the European Regional Development Fund of the Italian cities listed by the Honourable Member, the Commission would invite her to refer to its replies to her Written Questions E-0834/03 ⁽¹⁾, E-1118/03 ⁽²⁾, E-1119/03 ⁽³⁾ to E-1124/03 and E-1125/03 ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 280 E, 21.11.2003, p. 96.

⁽²⁾ See page 160.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 268 E, 7.11.2003, p. 172.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 280 E, 21.11.2003, p. 117.