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In the period 2002–10 the combined EU (European Community and Member States) budget for aid to Afghanistan totalled around EUR 8 billion, but a significant proportion of the EU aid was lost along the distribution chain. The main reasons for this are: waste, excessive use of intermediaries, security costs, overbilling and corruption.

The EU must ensure transparency and accountability in relation to the financial assistance provided to the Afghan Government, international organisations and local NGOs, in order to ensure the coherence of aid and the success of Afghanistan's reconstruction and development.

1. Could the Commission provide information, if possible with a breakdown region by region, sector by sector, and project by project, of the overall assistance provided by the EU since the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in 2001?
2. Could the Commission submit data setting out, on the one hand, the overall EU assistance to Afghanistan since the conflict began until today and, on the other hand, the individual assistance from each EU Member State?
3. Could the Commission provide a breakdown of the distribution of European aid since 2001 between consultants on the one hand and stakeholders on the other?

*Question for written answer to the Commission - Rule 117*  
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