

(From:) Parliament  
Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs  
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(To:) Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide, Ministry of Foreign Affairs...

**Re.: The [Norwegian] Foreign Ministry's financial contributions to the Palestinian Authority**

The Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs refers to the response from Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide, in the letter of March 11, 2013.

The Committee is looking forward to receiving the information and clarifications that will come out of further contact with the Palestinian Authority (PA) regarding this matter.

Meanwhile, the Committee would like to know which investigations were undertaken [by the Foreign Ministry] to verify the information that was provided to Parliament on the PA's use of the budget support and the scope and extent of the "social support." Has the Foreign Ministry, for example, assured itself that the "social support" has gone to the prisoners' families?

The Foreign Ministry writes: "We have relatively recently - and that is after then Foreign Minister Støre responded to the questions – received information indicating that the differences in both estimation of [the prisoners'] financial need and the channels for support [for prisoners] are greater and more extensive than we have assumed according to the earlier information we received from the PA."

What information is referred to and when did the Foreign Ministry receive such information?

Kind regards,  
The Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs

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