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I would be most grateful if my letter to Lord Hannay, dated 30 July 2015 (copy attached) can now be deposited in the House Library.

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*Dear Lord Hanney*

30 July 2015

In response to a question that you asked during oral questions on 21 July on the UK's contribution to the EU budget, I promised to write to you on the following points:

1. What the British rebated contribution is per capita of our population;
2. How that compares with other member states of a similar level of prosperity to us; and
3. The cumulative figure for the rebate since 1984.

Please find below a table that addresses your first two questions using the most recent EU Budget Financial Report data published by the European Commission (2013)<sup>1</sup>. It shows that the UK's rebated gross contribution in that year was €266 per capita, which was the lowest amongst the net contributor countries.

Member State	Post-rebate gross contribution (€mns) *	Population (mns) **	Post-rebate gross contribution per capita (€)
Denmark	2899	5.6	517
Sweden	4212	9.6	439
Finland	2159	5.4	397
Netherlands	6552	16.8	390
Austria	3191	8.5	376
Germany	29376	82.1	358
France	23292	65.9	353
Italy	17168	60.6	283
United Kingdom	17068	64.1	266

\* National contributions (GNI and VAT-based own resource contributions; traditional own resource payments; UK correction; lump-sum reductions for Sweden and the Netherlands; and JHA opt-out adjustments for Denmark, Ireland and the UK). Source: European Commission Financial Report 2013.

\*\* Total population (national accounts data).

<sup>1</sup> The full EU Budget Financial Report can be accessed online at [http://ec.europa.eu/budget/financialreport/2013/lib/financial\\_report\\_2013\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/financialreport/2013/lib/financial_report_2013_en.pdf).

As to your last question, the cumulative UK rebate from 1984 to 2013 (paid over 1985-2014) is £81.7 billion; this is worth approximately €114.5 billion using today's exchange rate.

Yours sincerely

Henry Ashton

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Ps Hope you have a good season!

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