

**Question for written answer E-013692/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Unemployment benefits and undeclared work in Greece

From the Commission's answer to my earlier question (E-006237/2012), it emerged that, on the one hand, unemployment benefits in Greece are very low, of particularly short duration and not even paid to all categories of unemployed people who ought to be eligible, while on the other hand, undeclared work is also a major problem.

After three years of massive and growing unemployment, especially among young people, with a rise in the proportion of long-term unemployed, accompanied a steady increase in 'undeclared' work:

Can the Commission say whether there have been any changes regarding the amount and duration of unemployment benefit? What is the current situation compared to that of Spain and Germany?

In the context of deliberations regarding implementation of the memorandums, has any Greek government ever sought to improve unemployment benefits, in particular the amount and duration thereof?

Under what conditions would the Commission agree to discuss this?