

**Question for written answer E-014881/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Non-working population in Greece

According to information published on a Greek website,<sup>1</sup> Greece is currently a country of pensioners, unemployed and economically non-active citizens, which is affecting its economy and welfare system accordingly. In fact, the non-working population of Greece numbers over seven million! With a workforce of 4 740 000, of which 3 500 000 is in employment and 1 240 000 unemployed, and with 2 650 000 pensioners, Greece cannot hope to rectify the major imbalances undermining the sustainability and effectiveness of its welfare system or bring about social and economic restructuring. The direct result of this can only be the permanent impoverishment of the majority of the Greek population.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of this tragic situation facing Greek society, which is at risk of permanent impoverishment, and the disastrous effects on growth of the unsustainable economic burden being imposed?
2. Given the current situation in Greece, what measures does it intend to take to assist Greece in its efforts to introduce sound welfare arrangements for Greek citizens and bring about social and economic restructuring?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.protothema.gr/economy/article/525416/hora-anergon-kai-sudaxiouhon-i-ellada>