

**Question for written answer E-014878/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Children going hungry in Greek kindergartens

According to a report on a Greek website¹, because of the deteriorating economic situation in Greece, many families are struggling to cater to their children's most basic needs. Every day, teachers see small children coming to school on an empty stomach. It frequently happens that pupils at school faint from hunger, even during lessons. One such establishment is Metaxourgio kindergarten, where the situation is so difficult that many of the children go hungry as their parents have no money even to buy them a sesame ring.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Is it aware of the dramatic economic situation facing thousands of families who cannot cater even to their children's most basic needs so that an increasing number of children are fainting at school?
2. Given the situation in Greek schools, what measures will it take to help Greece adopt measures to ensure that public education facilities are able to offer children at least one meal a day?

¹ <http://www.protothema.gr/greece/article/525443/gemise-nistika-paidakia-to-nipiagogeio-metaxourgeiou>