

**Question for written answer E-007467/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: UK National Reform Programme

In June 2014 the Commission made recommendations on the UK's 2014 National Reform Programme. The third recommendation includes: 'maintain commitment to the Youth Contract, especially by improving skills that meet employer needs. Ensure employer engagement by placing emphasis on addressing skills mismatches through more advanced and higher level skills provision and furthering apprenticeship offers.'

How does the Commission propose to reduce the number of young people with low basic skills?