

**Question for written answer E-007876/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting the health of hairdressers

Because of their profession, hairdressers are particularly prone to skin complaints. 30% of them are affected, which is ten times as many as in other sectors of the economy. In order to improve these workers' health and safety, the European social partners concluded a framework agreement in April 2012.

In 2013, contrary to what is required by the primary legislation of the European Union (Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), the Commission announced in its REFIT communication that it did not intend to transpose this agreement into European Union secondary legislation by means of a proposal for a Council decision.

This refusal is not only legally questionable but encroaches on the autonomy of the social partners (and therefore on the European social dialogue as well) and calls into question social progress within the Union, which is harmful to the health and safety of workers in the case referred to above.

1. How does the Commission justify this expression of contempt?
2. What exactly is it waiting for before transposing the framework agreement signed in 2012?