

**Question for written answer E-008450/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Parental Leave Directive

The Commission has suggested the withdrawal of the Parental Leave Directive proposal as part of its annual withdrawal package, which would happen over the course of 2015 if no further progress is achieved.

1. Does the Commission expect that negotiations will take place between the co-legislators in the coming months?
2. Does the possible withdrawal of the Parental Leave Directive proposal signify that the four years since its first proposal have been fruitless?
3. If the withdrawal goes ahead in 2015, does the Commission believe that a new directive of this kind should be prepared promptly?