

**Question for written answer E-009448/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: ESA: Recognition of family work for value added in the national accounts

The European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA 2010) is an important instrument for analysing the economic strength of a country or region within the economic and monetary union.

Since 1 September 2014 the ESA 2010 has included the economic relevance of prostitution and arms dealing along with the illegal buying, selling and exchange of drugs and stolen goods in the national accounts of the Member States.

In contrast to this, motherhood and family are seen as 'risks or needs, which may give rise to social benefits' (point 4.84). There is no definition or standard for statistically recording family work as value added relevant to the national economy.

1. How does the Commission view the fact that, although prostitution, arms dealing and illegal handling of drugs and stolen goods are included in the ESA as economically relevant, the value added by family work is not?
2. What measures will the new European Commission take from 2014 to 2019, to recognise family work and include it in the ESA, to give gainful employment and family labour equal status in the Europe 2020 strategy and to end discrimination against family work in the policy areas under EU responsibility?