

**Question for written answer E-001096/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Risk of child poverty in Spain

In its reply to my question E-005939/2014, the Commission stated that it shared my concern about rising levels of poverty and social exclusion and that this was reflected in the 'comprehensive policy guidance' provided 'in the 2013 Social Investment Package and its Recommendation on investing in children'.

However, report after report – the latest one by Amnesty International – has made it clear that the efforts of the EU and of the Member States are by all accounts far from sufficient, with a country such as mine, Spain, now having the second-highest number of children at risk of poverty in the EU – around three million. What is more, Spain is now going to be investigated by the Human Rights Council.

1. Does the Commission take the view that Spain is doing enough to fight the scourge of child poverty?
2. Does the Commission think that the recommendations and notices issued to Member States go far enough?
3. Will the Commission not be doing anything to curb the rise of poverty and social exclusion in the EU?