

**Question for written answer E-002660/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Women - domestic and family chores

In many Member States, women are, according to recent studies, continuing to shoulder the burden of domestic and family chores, devoting on average 26 hours a week to this compared with 9 hours for men. In the EU as a whole, far more work of this kind is done by women than by men, with 80% of women performing domestic and family chores every day, compared with 40% of men. While men work more hours than women in paid activity and do not have the same flexibility as women in use of their time, in calculating the total number of hours worked, both paid and unpaid, it is clear that women, including those working part-time, work more hours than men in full-time employment.

Will the Commission encourage measures to assist women at the workplace, including the provision of affordable quality child-care services, in a bid to reduce this imbalance?

Does the Commission intend to seek multidimensional solutions, including lifelong learning and other initiatives, to help remedy precarious conditions of employment for women?