

Question for written answer E-005023/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Poverty and under-nourishment among Greek schoolchildren

According to Prolepsis, a research institute, around six out of ten Greek schoolchildren who took part in the 'Nutrition' programme in 2013-2014 did not have access to food in sufficient quantity. The programme, funded by donations under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, ran in 64 schools. It showed that 25% of families suffered actual hunger, while 60% experienced dietary insufficiency. In 61% of cases, one of the two parents had no income and, in 17% of cases, neither parent had an income. At the same time, a study published by the Greek parliament showed that, in 2013, 6.3 million Greeks were living below the poverty line, or under threat of poverty due to material deprivation or unemployment. Eurostat figures showed that Greece belonged to the group of countries with the highest percentage of poverty (23.1%).

Will the Commission, as a member of the troika, continue to demand budgetary restraints while ignoring, and not responding to, the social consequences?