

**Question for written answer E-006590/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Allocation of Youth Employment Initiative funding

In January of this year, McDonald's announced that it would be creating 500 jobs in Belgium by 2017. Internal research has revealed that these are, in fact, not new positions at all but simply the result of redeployment. The company also indicated that it would be providing 250 000 additional training hours for employees. However, it is unclear how these additional hours differ from normal induction training for the new intake.

1. Is McDonald's receiving funds under the Youth Employment Initiative or has it done so in the past? If so, how do these jobs with limited career prospects fit in with the Youth Guarantee commitment to creating long-term jobs and guaranteeing access to further training?
2. How does the EU monitor whether the allocation criteria for Youth Employment Initiative funding are being adhered to?
3. Will the Commission also review working and contract conditions in the fast food sector as part of its efforts to combat social dumping?