

**Question for written answer E-007085/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Gender equality in the EU: 50/50 housework split

At the Forum on the Future of Gender Equality (Brussels, 20–21 April 2015),¹ Commissioner Věra Jourová commented that, according to current estimates, it would take ‘almost 40 years to ensure that housework is equally shared between women and men’. The same conclusion can be found in the Commission’s Report on Progress on equality between women and men in 2013,² published in April 2014.

1. What is the Commission’s view on this observation? Is it the Commission’s official policy and goal to achieve a 50/50 housework split among EU citizens?
2. If so, on what expert and legal basis and by what means does the Commission plan to secure the adoption of this goal, how does it aim to run progress checks, and how does it intend to penalise non-compliance?
3. Will the Commission acknowledge that, much like Member States, it has no competence at all to meddle in the private structure and functioning of families, let alone dictate how EU citizens are to split their housework?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/justice/events/future-of-gender-equality-2015/index_en.htm

² http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/files/swd_2014_142_en.pdf