

**Question for written answer E-007601/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cleaners made redundant

The SYRIZA/ANEL coalition is sacrificing the jobs and working rights of 8 500 cleaners working in primary schools and children's health in the name of capitalist growth.

Their cleaning contracts expired in July 2015, and moves are afoot to outsource school cleaning to contractors or cooperatives, meaning that workers will be made redundant, working conditions will become even more wretched and wages will be cut still further. 300 cleaners at the Ministry of Finance have also been redundant since the beginning of 2013, together with 3 000 people working in the 'Home Help' programme. These redundancies are part of the contraction of the public sector jointly decided by successive Greek governments and the Troika – the Commission, the ECB and the IMF – in the 'Memoranda'.

The government is refusing to honour the right of these workers to full-time, stable work. It has re-hired just 600 cleaners on fixed-term contracts of employment with reduced working hours.

The objective here is the total privatisation of the cleaning of public buildings by outsourcing it to contractors. This will prove a burden on the public purse and poses a threat to public health, since private companies seek above all to maximise their profits, at the expense of the working rights of cleaners and public health.

What is the Commission's position on the demand that all the cleaners be immediately re-hired and their contracts renewed and that they should be offered permanent and stable jobs with full pay and labour rights, instead of the cleaning jobs being outsourced to contractors or private companies or cooperatives?