

Question for written answer E-010218/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU Directive 2008/104/EC and supply teachers

The Agency Workers Directive came into force in the UK in 2011, with the aim of protecting the rights of agency workers.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case for one of my constituents, who has found it impossible to work for one employer for more than 12 weeks, the period required for a worker to be covered by the directive. Currently in the UK, supply teachers are often employed by temporary work agencies, as well directly through education establishments. In order to acquire the number of hours needed to earn an adequate income, many supply teachers are required to work for a large number of employers.

This means that some supply teachers can be performing the same jobs for years but, owing to the nature of their work, the need to be flexible and the school calendar year, they struggle to work for one employer for more than 12 weeks.

1. Is the Commission aware that, although the Agency Workers Directive was created in good faith, it does not benefit all agency workers, and in particular supply teachers?
2. Does it plan to reform the Agency Workers Directive after an impact assessment to ensure that the directive appropriately covers all agency workers?