

**Question for written answer E-003993/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Unaccompanied children claiming asylum

The number of unaccompanied children claiming asylum in Europe nearly quadrupled to 88 300 last year, official figures revealed on 3 May 2016. Nearly 12 000 of these were 13 years old or younger.

Does the European Union intend to encourage Member States to prioritise and/or facilitate asylum requests made by unaccompanied children?