

**Question for written answer E-007406/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Increasing insecurity on the EU jobs market

The increasing level of insecurity on the EU jobs market is resulting in the emergence of jobs that literally last a matter of hours – and this includes jobs not only in the hotel and restaurant and services industries, but also in the health sector. Statistics from some Spanish regions (Tarragona, for example) show that 47% of contracts are signed for periods of fewer than three months, while open-ended contracts account for just 6.3% of the total. And of those 6.3%, just one in four is a full-time job. This means that of 194 331 employment contracts, just 3 074 were full-time, open-ended ones.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What plans does the Commission have, given that growth and employment are a priority, to improve the situation on the labour market in Europe?
2. What impact does the Commission think this increasing insecurity might have on the future wellbeing of Europeans, for example when it comes to social security contributions and pensions?
3. What steps is the Commission considering taking, within its remit, to combat models such as '20-40-60', under which firms offer 20-hour contracts, pay for 40 hours, and workers end up doing 60 hours per week?