

**Question for written answer E-006779/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Returning to the job market after a long period of treatment and convalescence

Thanks to medical progress, people can now be cured of many serious illnesses or, through effective health care and rehabilitation, can even recover from the more serious diseases. Although treatment and convalescence may take a long time, patients often long to return to the job market once it is over.

After such long absences from the job market, however, people experience problems trying to find a new job or returning to their old work, particularly, although not exclusively, in professions that have seen dynamic changes.

Given that the return of former patients to the job market not only brings fulfilment for the people concerned, ensuring their independent existence, but also contributes to the creation of wealth for individual States, will the Commission say:

1. How does current legislation help people to return to the job market after long periods of treatment and convalescence, and what current tools and initiatives are there to help people in this situation?
2. Does the Commission intend to consider this issue in the near future and, if so, what concrete steps is it considering?

Does the Commission have more detailed data and information on this problem in the individual Member States?