

**Question for written answer P-004382/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Consultation on summer/winter time

The tabler of this question is grateful to the Commission for carrying out its public consultation exercise on whether to abolish the summer time / winter time system. The record participation (4.6 million responses) confirms his opinion, and that of the European Parliament, that many citizens of the Union are dissatisfied with the existing system and wish to see it changed. In a resolution of 8 February 2018, the European Parliament had called upon the Commission to review the functioning of the existing system and, if necessary, propose a change. After this record participation, there are stronger grounds than ever to expect the Commission to abandon its reservations and at long last tackle the subject promptly and with the greatest determination, given that it is a subject that people have been drawing to the attention of Members for some considerable time. What is more, it is reported in the press that some 80% of responses are thought to have been in favour of abandoning the practice of putting the clocks forward and back. As the current European Parliament will be completing its legislative work in April 2019, ahead of the elections in May 2019, it is now high time to act.

1. When does the Commission expect to present its analysis of the findings from the consultation?
2. What are the 'other aspects' that the Commission intends to take into account besides the outcome of the consultation, as mentioned by its spokesperson?
3. When exactly is the Commission likely to decide whether to submit a proposal to change the system?