

**Question for written answer E-005470/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Discriminatory child benefit law in Austria - continued

Information available on the Austrian parliament's official website shows that yesterday, 24 October 2018, despite criticism from the Commission, Member States and the country's own opposition, Austria approved a child benefit law under which benefit levels will be made dependent on the cost of living in the child's country of residence, irrespective of the fact that everyone employed in Austria, and thus also the parents of children living in other countries, pays the same taxes and levies in Austria, and the lower child benefits are thus not justified.

When I and other Members of the European Parliament asked the Commission in January of this year whether the law was discriminatory, Commissioner Thyssen replied that the Commission would review the compatibility of the law with Union law if and when it was passed.

As the law was passed yesterday, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. When will the Commission review the compatibility of the law passed yesterday with Union law?
2. What further steps will the Commission take to protect foreigners employed in Austria and their families, and within what time frame?