

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0357/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Health and safety at work

The drastic fall in the fertility rate of men and women and the problems of pregnant women (miscarriages, premature births, transmission of diseases and increase in disorders which the scientific community attribute to modern-day living and working conditions) are underestimated and are not included in the statistics relating to occupational diseases. Neither are adequate preventive measures taken. This is undermining maternity and paternity rights, with serious implications for the population balance of European societies. Will the Commission provide all the information available on the matter at both European and national levels?