

WRITTEN QUESTION E-7073/08
by Glenys Kinnock (PSE)
to the Commission

Subject: Climate migrants

Migration due to climate change is a reality in coastal countries around the world, but also affects the poorest landlocked countries, due to their relative inability to cope with climatic changes. In the Pacific, large numbers are already being forced to abandon their homes and move elsewhere. The Stern report concluded that there could be as many as 200 million climate refugees by 2050.

In its policy paper on climate change, the 2003 Action Plan on Climate Change and Development, the Commission identifies environment-related migration as a focus for support.

This is echoed in the multi-annual programming document which guides the implementation of the thematic instrument for the environment and sustainable management of natural resources.

Would the Commission please provide a breakdown of the allocation of resources in relation to efforts to fund adaptation, and show how much is being spent on supporting climate migrants?