

**Question for written answer E-7696/2010
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - Waterford Crystal

1. Is the Commission aware that it currently seems as if many workers affected by the redundancies at Waterford Crystal will lose out on funding from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) as a result of problems with the fund's implementation and the restrictive nature of the rules being applied to it?
2. Can the end date of the EGF be extended by three months, to allow measures financed from it to be completed? If not, can the Commission please provide an explanation?
3. Can the employees of the ancillary service providers who were omitted from the original submission through no fault of their own be included? If not, can the Commission please provide an explanation?
4. Can workers whose jobs were affected when the receiver was appointed in January 2009 but who were not made redundant by the receiver within the qualifying period be included? If not, can the Commission please provide an explanation?