

**Question for written answer E-011538/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Gender mainstreaming

The European Parliament has once again adopted a resolution in which it 'Asks the Commission to address and prioritise gender inequalities in a more consistent and systematic manner when programming and implementing all policies, and insists that the mainstreaming of gender issues through all policies must be improved in order to achieve the goals of gender equality'.

Can the Commission therefore say what steps it is taking to tackle this question, particularly in the areas of budget, wages, access to employment, pensions and entry into politics, the aim being equality in a context of progress as opposed to retrogression?