

**Question for written answer E-004170/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Directive 2000/84/EC on summer-time arrangements

Following the recent changeover to summer time, the consumer affairs programme 'Peeters en Pichal' [Peeters and Pichal] on *Radio 1* (a Flemish public broadcasting company channel) conducted an online poll. A total of 81 781 respondents took part in the poll. Of these, 76.4 % were against the changeover. Another 54.5 % wanted to stay permanently on summer time and 21.9 % on winter time¹.

In view of this, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Does the Commission intend to update Directive 2000/84/EC on summer-time arrangements? If so, why and when? If not, why not?
2. Is the Commission aware of similar opinion polls or studies in other EU Member States, in which a substantial proportion of the population is against the time change? If so, what polls and what are the results? How does the Commission evaluate these results?
3. How has Directive 2000/84/EC been implemented in the EU-27?

¹ See <http://www.radio1.be/content/de-grootste-poll-van-vlaanderen-wat-met-zomeruur>