

**Question for written answer E-004680/2012
to the Commission
Rule 117
Edward Scicluna (S&D)**

Subject: Lost jobs

1. Does Eurostat have a working definition of the term 'jobs lost' in an economy over time?
2. Does Eurostat collect data on 'jobs lost' by country?
3. Can Eurostat estimate how many jobs were lost annually in Malta between the first quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2012?
4. Can Eurostat provide a classification by gender, age and economic sector/industry of persons who lost their jobs in accordance with the definition referred to in question 1 above?