

**Question for written answer E-010058/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: The most highly paid EU employees

According to a recent article in a British newspaper, well-known for its one-sided views concerning the EU, 'Two thousand EU civil servants earn over £81 000 a year, and help is at hand again for household costs, childcare, school fees and travel expenses.'

Whatever 'help is at hand again' means, is the figure of 2 000 EU staff correct? And is it correct that they also receive money for childcare and school fees?