

**Question for written answer E-010293/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Fall in reading standards in all Member States

According to the 2012 Final Report of the EU High Level Group of Experts on Literacy, one in five 15-year-olds and nearly 75 million adults in the European Union do not have even basic reading and writing skills.

1. As a result of this report, has the Commission already developed tangible proposals for improving this state of affairs?
2. In view of the discussions over funding for the EU's education sector, can the Commission estimate what funds could be allocated to address this worrying problem in the EU?