

**Question for written answer E-013196/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Edite Estrela (S&D)**

Subject: Retirement and subsequent recruitment by the Commission of its Troika representative in Portugal

According to reports in the Portuguese press, the Commission's representative in the Troika, who monitors implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Portugal, has retired and been subsequently taken on as the Commission's 'special adviser' to carry out the same task.

His new contractual situation means that the former Commission representative is accruing a retirement pension while being paid in his new role.

In his assessment of the MoU, the former Commission representative advocated increasing the retirement age and cutting pensions and allowances, in direct contrast to his own situation.

1. On the basis of which objective criteria set by the Commission has this situation come about?
2. If the Commission needed the official, why did it let him retire?
3. Does the Commission intend to adopt legislation applicable to its officials, preventing them from accruing retirement benefits while being paid for work in the same organisation they used to belong to?
4. Does the Commission not think that practices such as this mean that it has no moral authority to ask the Portuguese people to make so many sacrifices?