

**Question for written answer E-000173/2014**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Remuneration of Commission contract staff in Luxembourg

I have received information which shows that the European institutions are practising wage dumping in Luxembourg.

By way of an example, the monthly salary for a contract staff member working 40 hours per week at the starting grades of GF1 (EUR 1847.76) and GF2 (EUR 1919.18) is less than the Luxembourg minimum wage for unskilled workers, which is EUR 1921.03, and significantly less than the minimum wage for skilled workers, which is EUR 2305.23. These provisions affect a significant number of people.

1. How does the Commission justify the fact that a large number of its contract staff members are receiving salaries lower than the Luxembourg minimum wage? Are these arrangements lawful?
2. Is it not morally and legally indefensible that the Commission should be flouting the rules laid down in Directive 96/71/EC on working conditions for posted workers, which states that the rules to be applied are those of the host country?