

**Question for written answer E-000189/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Ten per cent fall in purchasing power for staff of EU institutions based in Luxembourg

According to calculations carried out by Eurostat, a purchasing power disparity has arisen among the staff of the EU institutions depending on their place of work. This disparity was 10 % in 2013 for staff employed in Luxembourg.

Although the EU Staff Regulations established salary weightings for staff employed outside Brussels, the weighting for Luxembourg is no longer applied.

Why is the Commission refusing to apply the salary weighting for Luxembourg? Is the Commission prepared to review its position, which goes against the principle of the equal treatment of staff, regardless of their place of employment?

Against this background, is the Commission aware of the fact that, since the crisis of 2008, the value of the index used to calculate salaries in the Luxembourg civil service has risen by 17 %, while salaries in the EU institutions have been frozen from 2010 until 2015?