

**Question for written answer E-000228/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The unacceptable new recruitment system for teachers in Greece

The SYRIZA-ANEL government has responded with force and repression to the justified mobilisation of thousands of teachers protesting about its unacceptable bill for a new recruitment system for permanent and supply teachers. The announcement of a handful of permanent posts should not be allowed to obscure the fact that plans are afoot for the mass dismissal of supply teachers. This means that thousands of vacancies for teachers in schools will remain unfilled, which will erode the right of children from ordinary working class families to a decent education.

The 'new criteria' will undermine the value of the years of service performed by those supply teachers who, in previous years, have moved from one city to another at their own expense. Furthermore, permanent and supply teachers alike are being forced into a perpetual scramble to acquire skills, since a degree will no longer be the only prerequisite for finding work.

In following the policy of previous ND-PASOK governments and implementing the slashed budgets on the basis on what has been agreed notably in the context of the 'Memorandum' programmes, the SYRIZA - ANEL government is perpetuating the unacceptable practice of encouraging contract work and eroding employment, wage and social security rights.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- 1) How does it view the demand voiced by teachers, parents and pupils alike that all the vacant posts should be filled and that demand for teaching staff should be fully satisfied by making permanent appointments?
- 2) Does it recognise the need for all contract and supply teachers forthwith to be given the permanent posts to which they are entitled?