Question for written answer E-000452/2019 to the Commission Rule 130 Seán Kelly (PPE)

Subject: Safety and daylight saving time

The Commission has recently put forward its proposal to abolish daylight saving time (DST). Over 80 % of European citizens also indicated their support to end DST, as the practice is deemed archaic and harmful to people's well-being.

It is important that this move to end DST would be executed smoothly in order to ensure maximum benefit for EU citizens. One concern expressed by citizens is that of children's safety when walking to school during the darker mornings, in rural areas with minimum street lighting.

Has the Commission done any impact studies into the effect on school children in the mornings? Can it outline any action it recommends to counteract the safety issues associated with abolishing the clock change?

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