

**Question for written answer E-001843/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Steady employment for 'discontinuous' firefighters

For decades, the fire brigade has been a national body on the front line for every emergency. Firefighters include so-called discontinuous ones, i.e. those who work under well-defined rules (allowing them to work 160 days per year at the most, for example); however, even though they are subject to the rules governing professional firefighters, they do not have a proper employment relationship with the administration.

The purpose of this employment status for firefighters was that they were supposed to intervene only in absolutely exceptional cases, but nowadays they have to deal with a continuous demand for intervention, to the extent that they have become fully integrated members of the fire brigade.

Taking account of the major need for these firefighters to intervene because of the increasing number of emergency situations, as well as the emergency situation in Italy due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; in view also of the government's second Coronavirus decree, which involves cuts over the next few years to the fund for the recruitment of civil servants, including firefighters, will the Commission allocate financial aid with a view to facilitating stable employment contracts for 'discontinuous' firefighters, allowing them to be deployed in Italy for emergencies?