

**Question for written answer E-001983/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Follow-up question to Question for written answer No E-004423/2019 on family benefits

Why does the Commission believe that the primary competence of the Member State of employment in which one parent pays taxes and social security contributions protects family members and ensures children's well-being, particularly as parents to whom the cross-border situations dealt with in Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 apply are entitled to the highest level of family benefits and the only relevant question is which country has primary and which has secondary competence in the matter of the payment of family benefits?

Why will the Commission not propose any modifications to the rules on the basis of the assessment carried out, to the effect that the Member State of residence would have primary competence, particularly as this would result in considerable simplification and since logic dictates that it is always the country in which the child lives that should pay family benefits?