

**Question for written answer E-001984/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Income-dependent benefits

Most Member States which are obliged to apply Articles 67 and 68 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and Article 60(1) of Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 have a system of income-dependent family benefits. If parents in the Member State having primary competence cannot claim family benefits because of their level of income, the Member State having secondary competence must pay the whole of their family benefits rather than the balance if its statutory provisions mean that family benefits are not income-dependent. There is a redistribution. There is also a contradiction between Articles 67 and 68 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004, as employment on the part of at least one parent is a requirement.

1. What action will the Commission take to address these injustices?
2. What action will the Commission take to ensure that it is those Member States with primary competence that have a system of income-dependent family benefits which must nevertheless pay family benefits and not only Member States with secondary competence which have no such system?
3. When and how will the Commission correct the imprecise, contradictory provision in Article 67 of the Regulation and bring it into line with Article 68(2) of the same?