

**Question for written answer E-004845/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Additional burden on single mothers due to ever-increasing energy costs

Problems with reconciling work and childcare mean that single mothers are in the 'part-time trap' and thus face a significant risk of poverty.

In addition, coercive COVID-19 measures are now having an impact. In its resolution of 21 January 2021<sup>1</sup>, the European Parliament noted that women have been disproportionately affected by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and have also been subjected to significant financial burdens.

A dramatic rise in energy prices is now taking place. This will also lead to a subsequent increase in the cost of other consumer goods such as food, clothing, etc., as rising energy prices will have a corresponding impact in every sector, from production to transport.

At the same time, the far-reaching transformations of the energy sector, as envisaged by the Commission in its so-called Green Deal, have not yet been implemented even in part, which will lead to further significant increases in energy costs (CO<sub>2</sub> taxation, abolition of cheap energy production).

How will single mothers be able to afford the enormous cost increases due to the planned Green Deal, the precursors of which are already with us in the form of soaring costs at petrol stations and electricity bills?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0024\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0024_EN.html)