

Question for written answer E-001714/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Positive employment figures following Spain's labour reform

Spain's latest employment figures for the month of April, indicate that there has been a significant shift in Spanish labour market trends since Royal Decree Law 32/2021 on labour reform came into force. In December 2021, before the labour reform, 10% of all contracts were permanent. This figure increased to 15% in January, then to 22% in February, 31% in March and finally 48% in April. These unprecedented statistics reflect the fact that the labour reform is already transforming recruitment, with 1 800 000 new permanent employment contracts signed in four months. All this comes amid a drop in unemployment, which has decreased by 888 125 people in a year, the largest year-on-year fall since records began. The Commission's recommendation to 'foster transitions towards open-ended contracts', given in the context of the 2019 European Semester, is clearly being implemented.

Given these results, does the Commission believe that Spain's current labour relations framework provides the security needed to stop companies' widespread use of temporary contracts?

How does the Commission view the initial results of the labour reform, which was approved within the framework of the national reform and resilience plan?