

ORAL QUESTION H-0093/07  
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to the Council

Subject: Health at work and employers' social responsibility

In a recent study, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work estimated the cost to the Union of all work-related health problems to be more than 3% of gross domestic product. At the origin of most of these health problems is stress caused by employment flexibility and social insecurity, which are the norm in our liberal societies. Indeed, many scientific studies have established that stress at work is the cause of numerous health problems, including cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal disorders, depression, smoking and alcoholism.

In the context of the Lisbon agenda, what forceful action is the Council planning to take to make employers face up to their social responsibilities, both in terms of prevention and to compensate employees for the damage suffered?

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