

ORAL QUESTION H-0503/08

for Question Time at the part-session in July 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: High prices and unemployment the scourge of Greek workers

Data produced by the National Statistical Service of Greece show that, in the first quarter of 2008, registered unemployment totalled 8.3%, those primarily affected being first-time job-seekers (33.4%), young people (17.3%) and young women (22.2%). 46.7% (200 000) are long-term unemployed who cease to receive the pittance of an unemployment benefit of 404 euro after 12 months out of work.

What measures will the Commission take, at a time when uncontrolled price rises, poor pay and benefits are plaguing the working classes, to meet the proposals of the trade union movement for effective protection of the unemployed in the Member States, for unemployment benefit amounting to 80% of basic pay and for social security for the unemployed throughout the entire period of unemployment until they find full-time, stable work?

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