

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0454/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Unemployment benefits in Greece

The main opposition party in Greece alleges that the Greek authorities only grant unemployment benefits to those persons who remain unemployed for 12 months, and that they take benefits away from those who go over this period, even if only by one day. It also alleges that unemployment benefits in Greece amount to barely 60% of the Community average.

Is this practice by the Greek authorities compatible with Community regulations on the unemployed and long-term unemployment?