

**Question for written answer P-002459/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Improving taxation for families

In recent years the traditional family institution has been the subject of unprecedented attacks which have diminished its importance and value in the name of extreme secularism.

It should be pointed out that the family is the basic unit of society on which communities have been built since time immemorial.

The family is the cornerstone of generational change, through the care and upbringing of children who represent the human capital of tomorrow's society.

The family should be one of the anchors on which to build a common culture that gives greater value and substance to the process of building the European Union, due to the fact that it is recognised in all Member States and by the vast majority of the population as a vital institution for the upbringing, growth and education of new citizens.

It is important to note that the impact of the economic crisis has also been felt socially, deterring young people, in particular, from forming new families, given the huge uncertainty about the future and the possibilities of ensuring that their offspring can have a decent future; this impact has been felt in many Member States, in which population growth is being ensured only by the influx of new migrants.

Can the Commission say whether it might be possible to draw up a recommendation to the Member States to persuade them to implement reforms with a view to improving the taxation of families, such as taxing them as a single unit, taking into account the contribution they make to the sustainable development of our economies?