

Question for written answer E-001493/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Status of permanent seasonal workers in Spain

1. The Spanish National Employment Service, which reports to the Ministry of Work and Social Economy, does not provide specific, separate figures for the total number of permanent seasonal workers (PSWs), while the status has been used considerably more since the labour reform. In light of that, does Eurostat believe it would be positive, for transparency purposes, to publish PSW figures?
2. Given that Eurostat has already revised unemployment figures upwards to include permanent seasonal workers who are not working and are actively seeking work, and in view of the sharp upsurge in that type of contract, what control and monitoring mechanisms will Eurostat introduce to ensure those unemployed people are properly reflected in unemployment statistics, and in view of the revisions resulting from that type of contract, which is particularly common in Spain, does Eurostat not believe that enhanced, controlled monitoring of unemployment figures is needed?
3. Considering the economic circumstances of out-of-work PSWs who are not actively seeking work and the extensive use thereof in a number of Member States, does Eurostat plan to revise its methodology to include them in unemployment figures in the future?

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