

## **Appendix II**

**Questionnaire**

**Module for the second  
quarter, 2005**

## Module on reconciliation between work and family life

(Persons aged 16 to 64.)

→ Working persons aged 16 to 64 having at least one own/spouse's child living in the household and aged up to 14.

Otherwise,  
move on to the  
box above M2.



I am now going to ask you about yours or your partner's children aged up to 14 and living in the household.

### 1. During your working day, what is the main type of childcare service you use for your own or your spouse's/partner's children?

(Data must refer to a normal week, omitting school holidays, children's sickness and other special circumstances.)  
(Exclude compulsory school education.)

- Special childcare services (including childminders, preschool, etc.) 1 ☐
- Spouse/partner who is living in the household 2 ☐
- Relatives/neighbours/friends (unpaid) 3 ☐
- No childcare used 4 ☐
- Doesn't know 9 ☐

Now we shall discuss the care you provide to children and ill, disabled and elderly persons.

→ Persons having at least one own/spouse's child aged up to 14

Otherwise,  
move on to M3.



### 2. Excluding yours or your spouse/partner's children living in the household, do you regularly care for other children aged up to 14?

- Yes 1 ☐
  - No 6 ☐
- Otherwise,  
move on to M4.

### 3. Do you regularly take care of children aged up to 14?

- Yes 1 ☐
- No 6 ☐

**4. Do you regularly take care of friends/relatives aged over 15 and in need of care?**

- Yes 1 ☐
- No 6 ☐

→ Persons having at least one own/spouse's child aged up to 14 living in the household, or answered 'yes' to M2, M3 or M4

Otherwise,  
move on to the  
box above M14.

↓  
Working persons →

Otherwise,  
move on to M6.

**5. Do you wish to change the organisation of your working life and your care responsibilities?**

- No 3 ☐
  - I wish to work more, and as a consequence to reduce caring time 1 ☐
  - I wish to work less to have more time for caring 2 ☐
  - Doesn't know 9 ☐
- Go to the box  
above M7.

**6. Do you wish to change the organisation of your working life and your care responsibilities?**

- No 6 ☐
- I wish to work, and reduce caring time 1 ☐
- Doesn't know 9 ☐

→ If (M5 or M6 = 1) and (has at least one own/spouse's child aged up to 14 living in the household or M2 = 1 or M3 = 1)

Otherwise,  
move on to the  
box above M10.

**7. Is the main reason for not working (or not working more) linked with lack or unavailability of childcare services?**

- Yes 1 ☐
  - No 6 ☐
  - Doesn't know 9 ☐
- Go to the box  
Above M10

**8. What is the main reason linked to childcare for not working (more)?**

*Interviewer: If respondent gives more than one reason, select the first appearing on the list.*

- Lack of childcare services
- Childcare services are too expensive
- Available childcare services are not of sufficient quality
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
9 ☐

Go to the box above M10.

**9. When does the lack of childcare services arise?** *Interviewer: If respondent gives more than one time interval, select the first appearing on the list.*

- During the day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Monday to Friday
- At special times (before 7 a.m., after 7 p.m., at weekends or during school holidays)
- During the day or at special times
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
9 ☐

Working persons aged 16 to 64 having at least one own/spouse's child living in the household and aged up to 14.

Otherwise, move on to the box above M11.

I am now going to ask you about care for yours or your spouse/partner's children in special cases, such as school holidays, when childcare services are closed or when the carer is on holiday.

**10. In these special cases, did you take days off or reduce the number of hours worked or made special arrangements at work over the last 12 months to care for the children?**

- No
- Yes, because of lack of alternative childcare services during the day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Yes, because of lack of alternative childcare services at special times (before 7 a.m., after 7 p.m., at weekends or during school holidays)
- Yes, because alternative childcare services are too expensive
- Yes, because alternative childcare services are not of sufficient quality
- Yes, always because of other reasons
- Doesn't know

6 ☐  
1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
4 ☐  
5 ☐  
9 ☐

For (M5 or M6 = 1) and M4 = 1

Otherwise, move on to the box above M14.

**11. Is the main reason for not working (or not working more) linked with lack or unavailability of care services for friends/relatives aged 15 and above in need of care?**

- Yes
- No
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
6 ☐  
9 ☐

Go to the box above M14.

**12. What is the main reason linked with lack or unavailability of care services for friends/relatives aged 15 and above in need of care, for not working (or not working more)?** *Interviewer: If respondent gives more than one reason, select the first appearing on the list.*

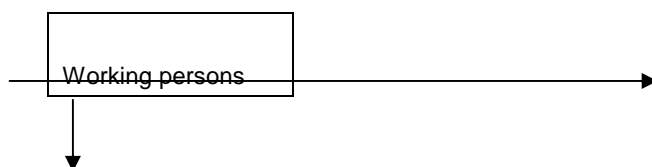
- Lack of care services
- Care services are too expensive
- The available services are not of sufficient quality
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
9 ☐

**13. When does there arise the lack of care services for friends/relatives aged 15 and above in need of care?** *Interviewer: If respondent gives more than one time interval, select the first appearing on the list.*

- During the day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Monday to Friday
- At special times (before 7 a.m., after 7 p.m., at weekends)
- During the day or at special times
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
9 ☐



Otherwise, move on to the box above M18.

Now we shall discuss your work.

**14. Are you able to vary the start and/or end of the working day for family reasons for at least one hour?**

- Generally possible
- Rarely possible
- Not possible
- Doesn't know

1 ☐  
2 ☐  
3 ☐  
9 ☐

**15. Not using holidays and special leave, are you able to organise your working time in order to take whole days off for family reasons?**

- |                      |   |                          |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| - Generally possible | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Rarely possible    | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not possible       | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Doesn't know       | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

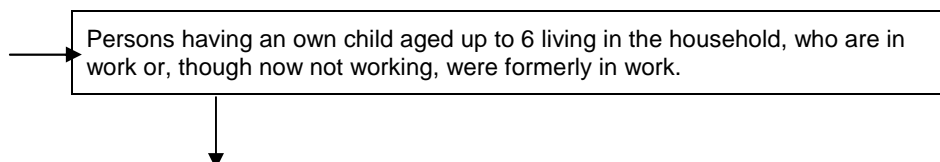
**16. Not using holidays, have you taken time off work over the last 12 months for family sickness or emergencies?**

- |  |   |                          |                             |
|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - No                                     | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Go to the box<br>above M18. |
| - Yes, <i>special leave</i> days         | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                             |
| - Yes, other arrangements regularly used | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Go to the box<br>above M18. |
| - Doesn't know                           | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                             |

**17. Were those days remunerated?**

- |                |   |                          |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| - Yes          | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No           | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Doesn't know | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The next block of questions is about parental leave.



Otherwise,  
End of  
Module.

**18. Have you taken parental leave over the last 12 months to take care of own children living in the household?**

- |                                     |   |                          |                    |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| - No                                | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Go to question 20. |
| - Yes, taken in one block full-time | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| - Yes, taken part-time              | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| - Yes, taken in another arrangement | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                    |
| - Doesn't know                      | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | End of Module      |

**19. Was parental leave remunerated?**

- |                |   |                          |               |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| - Yes          | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | End of Module |
| - No           | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |               |
| - Doesn't know | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |               |

**20. What is the main reason for not taking parental leave for own children living in the household over the last 12 months?**

- |   |   |                          |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| - Had no legal right to take parental leave                     | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No remuneration or too low                                    | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not enough flexibility in choice of the parental leave period | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Negative effects on social security                           | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Negative effects on employer's perception of respondent       | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Preference for work for other reasons than the above          | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other reason  | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Doesn't know  | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |