

**Question for written answer E-003108/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Disseminating information about gender theory in early childhood publications

Pre-school children's stories featuring gender theory are being spread throughout Italy. Such is the case with the book entitled 'Famiglie favolose' (Fabulous Families). One of the stories is about a male flamingo couple, who, unable to have their own offspring, adopt an egg to brood from another flamingo couple. This legitimises the message of surrogate motherhood, also known as a 'womb for rent', a practice prohibited under Article 12 of Italian Law No 40/2004.

It would be useful to know whether Europe-wide studies have been carried out to assess the appropriateness of providing information about gender to those below a certain age to help with their understanding of gender theory.

Given the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of the matter and can it clarify whether studies of the appropriateness of giving information about gender theory to pre-school children have been carried out?
2. What is its position on spreading material to minors relating to 'wombs for rent', a practice prohibited in Italy by Article 12 Law No 40/2004?

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