

Question for written answer P-005103/2012/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: Eating disorders

The public statement made by a solo ballerina at La Scala regarding the prevalence of eating disorders, including anorexia and bulimia, in the schools and dance troupes with which she has worked during her professional career, has caused a great stir throughout the European media.

Following her statement, on 19 May 2012 the director of La Scala issued the ballerina with a notice of dismissal, stating that the termination of her contract was caused by statements she had made that were deemed detrimental to the theatre's image.

There is an alarming spread of eating disorders among young Europeans under the age of 30.

While the European Union should play an important role in health protection policy, the Commission has announced that it does not intend to mount EU information campaigns on the issues of anorexia and bulimia.

- What other awareness-building activities does the Commission intend to implement to prevent these illnesses among young people?
- Does the Commission believe that if cases similar in some ways to the aforementioned should occur in the future, these may constitute a breach of Article 31(1) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, concerning the right to working conditions which respect workers' health, safety and dignity, as well as Articles 11 and 12 thereof regarding freedom of expression and the principle of non-discrimination?