

**Question for written answer E-001217/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Protection of minors from risks associated with the ‘dark web’ – Commission measures and strategies

I welcome the Commission’s initiative to allocate resources to the fight against the illegal trafficking of drugs, explosives, weapons and harmful content which circulate via the hidden networks known as the ‘dark web’.

In view of the growing alarms being sounded by parents’ associations, I feel I should ask the following questions:

1. Are there any official studies or statistics on the exposure of minors to the dark web and the risks associated with it?
2. Does the Commission have up-to-date information on the scale of the trade in illegal and harmful goods via the dark web?
3. What concrete strategies and measures does the Commission have to prevent minors’ ever-increasing access and exposure to harmful content on the internet and the dark web, bearing in mind the adverse impact this has on their development and on families?

I look forward with interest to the Commission’s answers and to learning what measures it is considering to address these challenges.

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