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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- 1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada. Richard Boyd Barrett. [31465/17]
- 2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister.Eamon Ryan. [31485/17]
- 3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Justin Trudeau. Brendan Howlin. [32103/17]
- 4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Justin Trudeau on 4 July 2017. Gerry Adams. [32320/17]
- 5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his discussions with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; and if CETA, North Korea and climate change were discussed. Micheál Martin. [32470/17]
- 6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meetings with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Justin Trudeau. Ruth Coppinger. [32478/17]
- 7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will consider establishing a Cabinet Committee on the Arts. Richard Boyd Barrett. [31466/17]
- 8. To ask the Taoiseach the staffing and media monitoring in the Government Information Service unit; and his plans for changes. Brendan Howlin. [32105/17]
- 9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action. Joan Burton. [32150/17]
- 10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Housing. Joan Burton. [32151/17]
- 11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will establish a Cabinet Committee on Housing. Richard Boyd Barrett. [32518/17]
- 12. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure and Housing. Brendan Howlin. [32693/17]
- 13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Public Service Reform. Joan Burton. [32097/17]

- 14. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will be retained when Cabinet committees are re-established. Gerry Adams. [32321/17]
 - 15. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the all-island civic dialogue. Gerry Adams. [32896/17]
 - 16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on Seanad reform. Micheál Martin. [32473/17]
- 17. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the commitment in the programme for government in relation to Seanad Éireann reform. Micheál Martin. [33013/17]
- 18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the delegation orders he has made in his own department. Michael Moynihan. [32475/17]
- 19. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met the religious orders recently. Michael Moynihan. [32476/17]
- 20. To ask the Taoiseach if during the recent European Council meeting he asked the Greek Prime Minister the position regarding securing European monitoring of a case (details supplied). Eamon Ryan. [32515/17]
- 21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will establish a Cabinet Committee on Education. Richard Boyd Barrett. [32519/17]
- 22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the Indian Prime Minister.

 Brendan Howlin. [32694/17]
- 23. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the north inner city ministerial task force; and if he will continue to chair this body. Gerry Adams. [32894/17]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Justice and Equality.

- 24. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if additional measures have been taken to strengthen security in the wake of the recent London and Manchester attacks. Jim O'Callaghan. [33148/17]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will hold a public inquiry into the circumstances of the Jobstown trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jonathan O'Brien. [33392/17]
- 26. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures being put in place to tackle rural crime, especially against farmers. Jim O'Callaghan. [33149/17]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce legislation as a matter of urgency which will provide for mandatory and automatic referral of all maternity related deaths here to the coroner for inquest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Harty. [33375/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he will take to address the widespread problem of minors and others driving scramblers and quad bikes and the serious public safety threat that these pose; the steps he will take to address the lack of enforcement of road traffic legislation; the status of his department's engagement with An Garda Síochána on this issue; and if he will draw up a strategy to address this issue. — Róisín Shortall. [33429/17]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Justice and Equality.

- 29. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the assistance being given to Forensic Science Ireland to enable it to overcome a large backlog in the testing of illegal drug seizures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [32891/17]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if detectives from the Cork city garda division will be issued with non lethal tasers as part of their equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McGrath. [32839/17]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the commitments in the programme for government in relation to improving the lives of persons with disabilities. Richard Boyd Barrett. [29820/17]
- 32. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Galway as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Anne Rabbitte. [32859/17]
- 33. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in counties Cavan and Monaghan as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Brendan Smith. [32868/17]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Wicklow as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Pat Casey. [32876/17]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the actions being taken within his department to ensure child protection is a priority when it comes to education of children and families regarding safe internet usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31222/17]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in counties Carlow and Kilkenny as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Bobby Aylward. [32845/17]
- 37. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in west Cork as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [32850/17]
- 38. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which adequate numbers of gardaí are in training at Templemore with particular reference to the need to increase garda strength at the various stations throughout the country and with reference to those areas deemed to have experienced greatest reductions during the economic downturn; the targets to increase garda

strength over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32966/17]

- 39. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the capital investment that is being made in garda facilities in Tubbercurry. Eamon Scanlon. [32842/17]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Louth as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Declan Breathnach. [32870/17]
- 41. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in counties Longford and Roscommon as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Eugene Murphy. [32879/17]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will establish a time bound scheme with transparent criteria to regularise the position of undocumented migrants here. Jonathan O'Brien. [32687/17]
- 43. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce new legislation regarding commercial rates valuations; and when this bill will be enacted. Robert Troy. [33016/17]
- 44. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Kerry as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. John Brassil. [32854/17]
- 45. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the unit set up within An Garda Síochána to liaise with the Disclosures Tribunal, in view of reports of personal ties between the Garda Commissioner and members of the unit and questions raised both in the media and in Dáil Éireann over a potential conflict of interest in this regard and that the Commissioner is being investigated as part the tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [32752/17]
- 46. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the funding of a second sexual abuse and violence in Ireland report. Ruth Coppinger. [32975/17]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of proposals to install cameras on motorways to help fight against crime. Thomas Byrne. [32674/17]
- 48. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to provide additional garda resources in the Dublin metropolitan region southern garda division. John Lahart. [32886/17]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Waterford as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Mary Butler. [32847/17]
- 50. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to fit members of An Garda Síochána with body cameras to record their daily duties. Jim O'Callaghan. [32889/17]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the extent of intimidation of families and young persons in relation to drug dealing and drug debt, particularly in

Dublin; the way in which this can be dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [32681/17]

- 52. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to strengthen the Garda Síochána (Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 in order to increase the powers of the Policing Authority with regard to monitoring transparency, providing oversight and ensuring accountability, particularly in view of the ongoing crises within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [32754/17]
- 53. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to review with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport all relevant legislation regarding the ownership and use of scramblers and quads with a view to introducing appropriate legislation to deal with the issue of youths continuing to use these scramblers and quads in parks, streets and neighbourhoods without insurance and the difficulty being experienced by Gardaí in stopping these youths and seizing and retaining these quads and scramblers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [32887/17]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of civilianisation within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [32890/17]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in counties Sligo and Leitrim as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Marc MacSharry. [32863/17]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the Garda Commissioner can deliver the reforms necessary for a well functioning, transparent and accountable police force in view of the recent controversies within An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [32750/17]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason 554 persons have been waiting three years or more for their naturalisation citizenship application to be processed; his views on whether this is an acceptable amount of time to be waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jack Chambers. [33006/17]
- 58. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans regarding the implementation of the report by a person (details supplied); and the timeframe for these actions to be taken. Robert Troy. [27841/17]
- 59. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Mayo as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Lisa Chambers. [32861/17]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will commission a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) and the garda investigation and subsequent prosecution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [32970/17]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to address the lack of garda personnel in the border region; his plans to rectify the shortages at various ranks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [32976/17]

- 62. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí assigned and currently working in the traffic corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [32888/17]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has satisfied himself that the current approach to delivering the new garda station for Macroom is working fast enough; the timeframe for its availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [32677/17]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to examine the restrictions on visa applications from Libyan citizens, especially those in the medical professions that have offers of employment here in view of the problems in retaining and recruiting staff in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [32973/17]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the date on which the wards of court office will be able to automatically provide statements to the committees of wards of court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jonathan O'Brien. [32684/17]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the work of the Criminal Assets Bureau at local and regional levels; and the work of the profiling groups that are targeting lower and middle level drug dealing in communities in Dublin. Maureen O'Sullivan. [32682/17]
- 67. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Donegal as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Pat The Cope Gallagher. [32865/17]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will establish an inquiry on the manner in which the protestors at Jobstown in November 2014 were investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [32974/17]
- 69. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Limerick as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Niall Collins. [32855/17]
- 70. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the responsibilities between him and the Ministers of State at his department; and his views on whether an additional Minister of State with responsibility for equality and law reform would be useful for his department. James Lawless. [32676/17]
- 71. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Tipperary as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Jackie Cahill. [32882/17]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Meath as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Shane Cassells. [32871/17]
- 73. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Clare as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Timmy Dooley. [32857/17]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on initiating an independent inquiry into the garda investigations into the Jobstown protest case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [32994/17]

- 75. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to review the visa restriction on Libyan citizens especially medical professionals that are facing delays and refusals on visa applications despite being offered work in hospitals here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [32969/17]
- 76. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the levels of training provided to members of An Garda Síochána in upholding persons' right to protest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [33003/17]
- 77. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will meet the family of a person (details supplied) regarding an inquiry into their death and the subsequent events around the Garda investigation and court proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [32972/17]
- 78. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in counties Laois and Offaly as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Barry Cowen. [32844/17]
- 79. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the living allowance that was payable to trainee Gardaí was the trainee's money or if it was public money paid from the exchequer to fund the operation of the restaurant in Templemore College; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [32675/17]
- 80. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to amend the Garda Síochána Act 2005 in order to make the Garda Commissioner accountable to the Policing Authority and to empower the Authority to remove a garda commissioner from office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [32753/17]
- 81. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to Newbridge garda station; the number that are actually working on local as distinct from national issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fiona O'Loughlin. [33004/17]
- 82. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his officials have been liaising with officials in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on the number and cost of road traffic collisions involving Gardaí, including those driving on chief's permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [29955/17]
- 83. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on concerns raised regarding the terms of reference of statutory inquires established as a result of recommendations of the independent review mechanism and the need to establish further inquiries in other cases. Clare Daly. [32692/17]
- 84. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to allegations by a whistleblower regarding political interference in the investigation into the disappearance of a person (details supplied) 40 years ago in County Donegal; his plans to commission a public inquiry into the person's disappearance and the subsequent garda investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [32968/17]
- 85. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of the rights of Irish and UK citizens to date in 2017, by country further to recent statements on reciprocity of rights; and if it is the government's position to maintain all of these rights. Stephen S. Donnelly. [30851/17]

- 86. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce legislation to allow those seeking international protection the right to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jonathan O'Brien. [32685/17]
- 87. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will meet with the representatives of a family (details supplied) regarding a request by them for an inquiry into the death of a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [32971/17]
- 88. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to Ballymahon garda station, County Longford; the way in which this compares to the number that are active in the Edgeworthstown area in view of the contrasting levels of headline crimes and burglaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [32688/17]
- 89. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the Council of Europe's anti-corruption body, GRECO's report stating that Ireland had fully implemented just three of 11 recommendations included in a 2014 evaluation report; the reason the other recommendations have not been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jonathan O'Brien. [32686/17]
- 90. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to shorten delays in family courts (details supplied); and if he will provide statistics regarding the delays being experienced in each of the courts and the next available hearing dates for same. Josepha Madigan. [32689/17]
- 91. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has satisfied himself that sufficient resources are available to meet the needs of the policing of County Meath. Thomas Byrne. [32673/17]
- 92. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will come into force; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jonathan O'Brien. [32683/17]
- 93. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the action being taken to address the latest concerns with regard to the recording of crime data by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [32892/17]
- 94. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to retain and properly resource the Garda Technical Bureau as a stand alone dedicated crime investigation unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [32690/17]
- 95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when she plans to ratify the UNCRPD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [27657/17]
- 96. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of personnel working within a unit (details supplied); the towns they are based in; the operations that are active; the number of successes they have had to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [32679/17]
- 97. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the direct provision centres that are State and privately run by county, in tabular form; the cost of each State run centre in 2016; the projected cost of same in 2017; the cost to the State of each privately run centre in 2016; the projected cost of same in 2017; the number of residents in each centre on 30 Jun, 2017 or the latest date available; the number of persons in each direct provision centre for one year or less, one year to two years, two to three years, three to four years, four to five years and more than five years; the corresponding figure

for the same date in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33005/17]

- 98. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding invested in community integration programmes per constituency for each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jack Chambers. [33007/17]
- 99. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a final report on the reopening of six garda stations has been received from the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [32893/17]
- 100. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review applications for asylum, refugee status and long term residency status in respect of persons that have been awaiting a decision for more than four years with particular reference to the need to grant stamp 4 status to enable such persons seek employment and become self sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [32965/17]
- 101. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to commission an inquiry into the murder of a person (details supplied) in 1970 to deal with unanswered questions with regard both the death of the person and the subsequent investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [32967/17]
- 102. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the review he is undertaking of road safety legislation, enforcement and implementation since taking over the portfolio of justice; his priorities for road safety invigilation and enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [32678/17]
- 103. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the issue of commercial rates being applied to private childcare centres will be reviewed by his department with a view to excluding them on the same basis as community childcare centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Shane Cassells. [32680/17]
- 104. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he will take in the border region to address the impact of a hard border and the potential increase of criminal activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [32513/17]
- 105. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Ireland is playing its part with taking in a proportionate number of immigrants. Micheál Martin. [32471/17]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- *106. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; and the publication date of these plans. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33346/17]
- *107. To ask the Taoiseach the membership of the National Economic and Social Council; the vacancies on the council; and when he expects to fill those vacancies. Thomas P. Broughan. [33521/17]

Chun an Tánaiste agus an Aire Post, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

- *108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which new trading links continue to be established globally; the extent to which it is expected that Ireland can benefit from such developments in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Bernard J. Durkan. [33506/17]
- *109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to provide serviced and zoned industrial land suitable for foreign direct investment in Sligo (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Eamon Scanlon. [33127/17]
- *110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the actions taken by State agencies to make exporters aware of the tariffs that would be payable in the event of a hard Brexit through WTO rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33292/17]
- *111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the threats identified by her department for importers in the context of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33299/17]
- *112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the actions taken by her department and State agencies to identify a positive regional spread to foreign direct investment which may arise as a result of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33303/17]
- *113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Be Prepared grants issued by Enterprise Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33308/17]
- *114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of companies which have completed the Brexit scorecard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33309/17]
- *115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33342/17]
- *116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the powers that the Workplace Relations Commission has to request attendance at one of their hearings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33359/17]
- *117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA client visits to Dublin mid west in 2015, 2016 and to date 2017, by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33442/17]
- *118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission examination of waste companies; if she has satisfied herself that there is diversity and competition within the waste collection market; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33443/17]

- Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.
- *119. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason vehicles which are over ten years of age and pass the national car test can be refused insurance quotes from a large percentage of providers. Robert Troy. [33214/17]
- *120. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 67 of 5 July 2017, the amount that will be paid to a company (details supplied) to produce the economic impact assessment of the help to buy scheme. Clare Daly. [33126/17]
- *121. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the decision to award the contract for the economic impact assessment of the help to buy scheme to a company (details supplied) in view of the fact that housing is not listed as one of that company's areas of expertise in public policy. Clare Daly. [33138/17]
- *122. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ring fence a percentage of moneys from betting duty and or tax to be distributed to the relevant department for the provision of problem gambling treatment and prevention services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33174/17]
- *123. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on correspondence (details supplied); the steps he is taking to address rising motor insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Niamh Smyth. [33180/17]
- *124. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [33181/17]
- *125. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available to homeowners and businesses in Leitrim village that are being refused flood insurance cover despite major drainage works and upgrades that have been carried out by Leitrim county council in recent years following flooding in the village; if he will advise residents and businesses accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Eamon Scanlon. [33224/17]
- *126. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 54 of 5 July 2017, if he will provide a copy of the compliance checks and reports to which he refers. Clare Daly. [33269/17]
- *127. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the excise returns to date in 2017, by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Rock. [33271/17]
- *128. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated impact on excise duty receipts of the apparent practice of tobacco firms building up stocks in advance of the introduction of plain packaging; the impact this has had on exchequer returns in 2016 and to date in 2017; when he expects excise receipts to return to normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Rock. [33272/17]
- *129. To ask the Minister for Finance the receivers working for NAMA and the fees paid to same in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. Mick Wallace. [33273/17]

- *130. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the qualifying criteria for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme and the primary medical certificate which underpins it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [33274/17]
- *131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of EORI numbers issued by the Revenue Commissioners in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017, if his department has estimated the expected demand for additional EORI numbers in response to the challenges of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33290/17]
- *132. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies with AEO status; if his department expects demand for AEO status to increase as a result of Brexit; the actions taken by the Revenue Commissioners to anticipate this increased demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Stephen S. Donnelly. [33291/17]
- *133. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional supports that will be required in the event of smuggling increasing as a result of tariff arbitrage in the event of hard Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33296/17]
- *134. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected increased burden on IT systems for customs entries as a result of the impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33297/17]
- *135. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase support for IT support for customs entries as a result of the impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33298/17]
- *136. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have undertaken a review of ports here in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33300/17]
- *137. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33339/17]
- *138. To ask the Minister for Finance if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) of 16 March 2017 in regard to exempt approval status of occupational pension schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33358/17]
- *139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will investigate a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the use of contactless electronic payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McGrath. [33364/17]
- *140. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax relief given under the section 481 film relief scheme in each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. Maurice Quinlivan. [33420/17]
- *141. To ask the Minister for Finance the attendees at the National Economic Dialogue in Dublin Castle on 28 and 29 June 2017, in tabular form. Thomas P. Broughan. [33522/17]
- *142. To ask the Minister for Finance if the VAT rate can be reduced to 20% (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33537/17]

- *143. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will retain the 9% VAT rate for labour intensive sectors (details supplied). Michael Healy-Rae. [33538/17]
- *144. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will refrain from increasing the excise duty on alcohol and further increases on tobacco products (details supplied). Michael Healy-Rae. [33539/17]
- *145. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reduce the carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33540/17]
- *146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that businesses are not burdened due to VAT registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33541/17]
- *147. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 3% USC surcharge for the self employed can be removed (details supplied). Michael Healy-Rae. [33542/17]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

- *148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of garda stations sold in the past five years and to date in 2017; the locations of each; the amount obtained for their sale; the department or agency that oversaw the sale of the garda stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33179/17]
- *149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33344/17]
- *150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has met the trade unions or employer organisations recently. Micheál Martin. [33012/17]

Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna: To the Minister for Education and Skills.

- *151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 117 of 5 July 2017, the appeal options a person has in view of the fact that a re-examination of their application for incremental credit has been rejected; if there is an external appeals process that is independent of his department; his plans to reform the incremental credit scheme to include other work experiences in applications for credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33164/17]
- *152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take for persons that sat their oral Irish examination without preparation for same due to industrial action in their schools at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [33183/17]
- *153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when home modifications will be carried out for a person (details supplied); if the application advisor assigned to this persons case has made contact with builders and others that would be contracted to carry out these modifications in view of an occupational therapists report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Lou McDonald. [33217/17]

- *154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a July provision refusal for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33222/17]
- *155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the assistance given by his department to students with dyslexia sitting the junior certificate and the leaving certificate State exams; if extra time can be given to these students sitting the exams to complete their papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [33249/17]
- *156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to address the fact that school secretaries do not get paid during the summer holidays in view of the fact that this situation is totally unfair and untenable for the secretaries concerned. Clare Daly. [33270/17]
- *157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on correspondence between his department and the Congregation of Christian Brothers in relation to the sale of the pitches at a school (details supplied); the status of the sale; if he will commit to negotiating with a trust (details supplied) and Congregation of the Christian Brothers regarding the future use and ownership of the sports pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joan Burton. [33282/17]
- *158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will conduct a technical evaluation into the reduction and phasing out of the student contribution charge for third level institutions as per one of the recommendations in the Cassells report; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Thomas P. Broughan. [33312/17]
- *159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to determine the feasibility of the recommendation in the Cassells report that third level education be fully publicly funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33313/17]
- *160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the location of special needs assistants, in view of his recent announcement to increase numbers by 975, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brassil. [33314/17]
- *161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33337/17]
- *162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the nearest school rule under the school transport scheme in order to take into account the impact this rule has on students living in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33348/17]
- *163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the nearest school rule for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33349/17]
- *164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the school bus service from the Bunninadden Killavil area of County Sligo to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33350/17]
- *165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether third level colleges have appropriate staffing levels; his plans to introduce a voluntary redundancy scheme in areas in which staff are deemed surplus to requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McGrath. [33367/17]

- *166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are grants or financial supports available through his department that can be used towards the cost of school buses in circumstances in which passenger numbers have increased significantly as in a case (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon. [33417/17]
- *167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the value of an inheritance of an asset is not regarded as reasonable income in certain cases in the assessment of a student grant; the reason the value of the asset is seen as income in other cases; if he will review this with a view to taking account of a monetary inheritance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charlie McConalogue. [33424/17]
- *168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current pupil teacher ratio in primary level schools; his plans to reduce this figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33440/17]
- *169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking regarding the status of equal pay for equal work for teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33441/17]
- *170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which the school building programme at primary and second level in County Kildare continues to proceed as planned having particular regard to the urgent requirement for school places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33493/17]
- *171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which adequate resource teachers remain available throughout all schools in north county Kildare; his plans for augmentation in specific areas of particular need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33494/17]
- *172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress to date in respect of the provision of a gaelcholáiste to serve the area of County Kildare in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33495/17]
- *173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in regard to the provision of the twin school project at Moyglare Road, Maynooth, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33496/17]
- *174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 140 of 12 April 2017, if a contract to carry out the independent review of Youthreach has been appointed; if so, the details of the appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33511/17]
- *175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the terms of the agreement made between the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) or DIT Foundation and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin regarding the use of St. Laurence's church in Grangegorman. Joan Burton. [33525/17]
- *176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that has legal ownership of St. Laurence's Church in Grangegorman. Joan Burton. [33526/17]

- *177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the townlands and electoral divisions within the Carpenterstown, Castleknock and Blanchardstown West school planning areas respectively, in tabular form. Joan Burton. [33527/17]
- *178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the legal status of diocesan panels in respect of teacher employment; if reviews of same have taken place; and his plans for reform. Thomas Byrne. [33535/17]
- *179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children whose parents have been forced to decline an early intervention class due to the distance from home involved. Thomas Byrne. [33536/17]
- *180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the development of a new school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charlie McConalogue. [33559/17]
- *181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a development at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charlie McConalogue. [33560/17]
- *182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the inclusion of the Polish language into the secondary school syllabus from junior cycle upwards, in view of the increase in Polish speaking persons and the growing importance of the language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon. [33562/17]
- *183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the fact that the ethos condition in the post primary school transport scheme refers to religious minorities constitutes discrimination against other minorities such as those with no religious faith wishing to attend an Educate Together secondary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [33565/17]
- *184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a record is kept of the religion of the students qualifying for the post primary school transport scheme to attend minority religious faith schools; if so, if he will provide these figures. Mick Barry. [33566/17]
- *185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure that Educate Together secondary schools qualify for the post primary school transport scheme on the same basis as minority religious faith schools in view of the fact that these schools are mostly chosen by those not wishing to avail of a school that is of the main religious ethos here. Mick Barry. [33567/17]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

- *186. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent by his department on hosting receptions in each of the years 2012 to 206 date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dara Calleary. [33285/17]
- *187. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent by his department on wine in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dara Calleary. [33286/17]
- *188. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide an update on his responsibilities as they pertain to Brexit; if he expects these responsibilities to increase; the division

- of tasks as they relate to Brexit between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33301/17]
- *189. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33340/17]
- *190. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to establish an Embassy in Georgia with full services to enhance trade and other links between Ireland and Georgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33352/17]
- *191. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the challenges Italy has with the increased numbers of immigrants from Libya and African countries; and if the EU will assist more.

 Micheál Martin. [32471/17]
- *192. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he plans to meet with representatives of the UUP, the SDLP and the Alliance Party. Gerry Adams. [32895/17]
- *193. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to his comments on designated special status for Northern Ireland in the context of Brexit, if this special status includes maintaining ongoing sectoral linkages on a sector by sector basis (details supplied) wherein it is practicable. Stephen S. Donnelly. [30850/17]
- *194. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views of the citizenship proposals put forward by Prime Minister May in a policy paper (details supplied). Stephen S. Donnelly. [32101/17]
- *195. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to address the refugee crisis in Syria and Iraq; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33503/17]
- *196. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he and his European Union and United Nations colleagues continue to address the threat of international terrorism; if particular initiatives are likely with a view to protecting persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33504/17]
- *197. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which particular emphasis is placed on efforts within the European Union to address the issue of euroscepticism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33505/17]
- *198. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he and his department continue to support a person (details supplied) detained in Egypt; if it is expected that a breakthrough will be achieved resulting in his release or return here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33507/17]
- *199. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the EU remains focused on the issues affecting the western Balkans with particular reference to the need to ensure the future of the democratic process and compliance with the acquis communautaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33508/17]

- *200. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the specific task the new special envoy to the United States of America will enjoy; if there will be a formal delegation order made following assignment of the role; the department that is the parent line for the role; and if a budget allocation is to be made to support the role. Sean Sherlock. [32141/17]
- *201. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress of the appointment of a new special envoy to the United States. Sean Sherlock. [32142/17]
- *202. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has informed the American administration of the appointment of a new special envoy to the United States. Sean Sherlock. [32143/17]
- *203. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the resources from Ireland's embassy and consulates in the United States that will be provided for the new special envoy announced recently. Sean Sherlock. [32144/17]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Justice and Equality.

- *204. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the anomalies that exist in the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011 whereby the rigors of the legislation do not apply to firms that have no operation in the jurisdiction here but still allows them to sell property here; his plans to amend this legislation and remove this paragraph relieving agents from another jurisdiction from adhering to local laws and regulation and also allowing them all the benefits of participating in the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [33267/17]
- *205. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 707 of 31 January 2017, the progress which has been made in achieving a 10% increase in the Garda Traffic Corps; the efforts and resources that have gone towards greater enforcement of traffic law to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33457/17]
- *206. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in north Cork as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Michael Moynihan. [32851/17]
- *207. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding his department allocated in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 to traveller specific initiatives and traveller organisations around the country and specifically in County Wexford; if he has satisfied himself with the level of support his department currently provides to cultural and heritage projects for the travelling community; his plans to increase it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [27358/17]
- *208. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of renewals which have been issued in 2017 of the atypical worker permit for non-EU migrant fishing crew. Mick Barry. [28071/17]
- *209. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Westmeath as of 30 June 2017; and the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014. Robert Troy. [32878/17]

- *210. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if garda stations in counties Longford and Westmeath which were closed or downgraded in recent years will be reopened or reviewed. Robert Troy. [33017/17]
- *211. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff allocated to the Wards of Court office; and the job title of each. Jonathan O'Brien. [33166/17]
- *212. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will, in recognition and acknowledgement of the long campaign for justice for the victims of the Stardust tragedy, sanction payment for the most recent report carried out on behalf of the families of the victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [33225/17]
- *213. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to a number of knife attacks on transgender sex workers in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [33233/17]
- *214. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí per station in each station in each of the years 2012 to 2016, in tabular form; the number of additional gardaí deployed to each station each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33307/17]
- *215. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33343/17]
- *216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the progress on the construction of a new garda regional and divisional headquarters in Galway city; the date on which it will be operational; the timeframe between the first gardaí moving in and the building being fully operational; the cost of the new facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33354/17]
- *217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí that will be assigned to the new regional and divisional headquarters in Galway city, by rank and including civilian staff; the number of extra gardaí of all ranks that will be based in the city once the new headquarters and the existing station at Mill Street are operational. Noel Grealish. [33355/17]
- *218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the functions that will be carried out from the existing Mill Street station in Galway city once the new regional and divisional headquarters opens; the number of gardaí and other staff that will be based there; the future opening times of the existing station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33356/17]
- *219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an appointment to renew the appropriate stamp can be facilitated at Leixlip Garda Station in the case of a person (details supplied) who are anxious to keep their status up to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33365/17]
- *220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an appointment to renew Stamp 4 can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied) at Leixlip Garda Station; if the correct procedure to regularise both can be indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33366/17]

- *221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeframe for the reopening a garda station (details supplied); the number of gardaí that will be based there; the number of hours and days per week the station will be opened; if this information is not available, when these decisions will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Martin. [33421/17]
- *222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of samples from persons that are on the national DNA database to date in 2017 since its establishment; the number of convictions secured based on the use of evidence from the database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33469/17]
- *223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the increase that has been made to the staff in the Charities Regulators Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33470/17]
- *224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and location of garda stations scheduled to be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33471/17]
- *225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which An Garda Síochána has the necessary personnel, equipment and organisational capacity to withstand a terrorist attack; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33472/17]
- *226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of criminal gang members incarcerated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33473/17]
- *227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which he expects garda strength to increase over the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33474/17]
- *228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the degree to which An Garda Síochána continues to liaise with Europol and Interpol in tracking criminal and drug dealing gangs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33475/17]
- *229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which the communications system in the various garda stations throughout the country is adequately updated and upgraded to ensure an immediate response to members of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33476/17]
- *230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the strength of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33477/17]
- *231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which the garda transport fleet has been enhanced or is likely to be further enhanced in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33478/17]
- *232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the degree to which modern communications technology is available in all garda vehicles; the extent to which all such vehicles are readily contactable on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33479/17]

- *233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in combatting gangland feuds with particular reference to ensuring that the rule of law applies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33480/17]
- *234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which all first time prisoners have access to rehabilitative education or training and are segregated from hardened habitual offenders with a view to interrupting their involvement in crime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33481/17]
- *235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of males and females serving prison sentences; the degree to which the numbers have fluctuated in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33482/17]
- *236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners on early or temporary release; the number of these that have previously been released and complied with the terms of their release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33483/17]
- *237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prison spaces available in all prisons here; the number of incidents in respect of which more than one person shares a cell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33484/17]
- *238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which he is satisfied that all prisoners serving a sentence for the first time have an opportunity to avail of education and rehabilitative training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33485/17]
- *239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí injured in the course of duty in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33486/17]
- *240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the likely extent of reorganisation of An Garda Síochána in the aftermath of various inquiries with a view to restoring confidence and support for the force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33487/17]
- *241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the scale and value of assets seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau in the past five years; if all such properties have been disposed and the proceeds retained by the State; the status of such properties not yet disposed of in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33488/17]
- *242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which extra gardaí are likely to be deployed to County Kildare in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33489/17]
- *243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which resources continue to be made available for the pursuit of cold cases including those of missing persons whose whereabouts have never been confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33490/17]
- *244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of promotions at all levels in An Garda Síochána made in the past 12 months; the number of vacancies still to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33491/17]

- *245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the action that continues to be taken to address the issue of threats and intimidation against individual members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33492/17]
- *246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of test purchases carried out under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008 on a county basis in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by county, in tabular form. Thomas P. Broughan. [33523/17]
- *247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí assigned to each district in the Meath Garda Division. Thomas Byrne. [33534/17]
- *248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 103 of 23 May 2017, the number that were referred to take no further action; the number that were referred to for further attention; the number referred to for further action that have been fully reviewed and concluded; the number outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brassil. [33544/17]
- *249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality in cases such as a case (details supplied) if consideration is being given to a separate process particularly in the context of Brexit; if not, if there are increased numbers in this category; if so, the numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33553/17]

Chun an Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Arts, Heritage; Regional; Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

- *250. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the cost of rebranding and or renaming her department, in particular the costs of acquiring new stationary, signage and public awareness campaign and so on, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33171/17]
- *251. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if a deadline can be changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [33216/17]
- *252. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the timeframe for approval of the remaining €731,126 of CLÁR funding under measure 3 targeted community infrastructure needs of the €1.5 million announced on 30 May 2017 and the approval of the €768,874 under phase 1 of the measure 3; if further funds can be made available for 2017 under measures 1 and 2; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33256/17]
- *253. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the mathematical equation or calculation applied as the basis for the pro rata distribution in the decision making process in relation to the 2017 CLÁR Programme; the extent to which the proportion of the counties within the CLÁR process (details supplied) was taken into account in the overall process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33257/17]
- *254. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if a scoring framework linked to the criteria applied by her department in determination of final allocations of funding was used in relation to the 2017 CLÁR program; the calculations that were applied; and the weighting given to the overall process (details supplied). Thomas Pringle. [33258/17]

- *255. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has satisfied herself regarding the submitted observation in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay, in view of the fact that the council stated that due to limitations on staff resources, the Heritage Council will not be in a position to comment on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33326/17]
- *256. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will expedite an application for CLÁR funding by a group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [33331/17]
- *257. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33333/17]
- *258. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the process of assessment leading to the observations submitted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in its role as a named external consultee, advising the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application on Galway Bay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33361/17]
- *259. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has satisfied herself that public concerns to date reported to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) regarding the NPWS's submitted observation and concerns regarding the application and the protection of the surrounding networks of Natura 2000 sites in relation to foreshore lease application (details supplied) on Galway bay have been investigated by the NPWS; if the Minister of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has been informed and advised of resulting concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33362/17]
- *260. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of warnings issued over the past three years in respect of hedge cutting; the number of notices issued by local authorities in respect of tree and hedge cutting along public roads on health and safety grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33368/17]
- *261. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if responsibility for the public banking investigation has been transferred to his department; the date on which the transfer took place; the timeframe for the remainder of the investigation; the date of publication of the final report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joan Burton. [33524/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- *262. To ask the Minister for Health when all sections of the Children and Families Relationships Act 2015 will be enacted; the timeframe for full enactment; if there are barriers impinging on the rights of same sex married partners and their children prior to enactment of all sections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33266/17]
- *263. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which children or teenagers liable to self harm continue to have ready access to support services such as counselling and follow up visits; the degree to which patterns over the past number of years have illustrated the adequacy of such support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33569/17]

- *264. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cyclists that have been injured due to an adverse interaction with the Luas cross city works in each of the years since the works began and to date in 2017; the number of cyclists that attended an emergency department due to these adverse interactions each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33124/17]
- *265. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied).

 Thomas Byrne. [33137/17]
- *266. To ask the Minister for Health if a tonsillectomy will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33139/17]
- *267. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding available through his department for each county hospice group or regional hospice group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Peter Burke. [33140/17]
- *268. To ask the Minister for Health the capital allowances that have been paid for each hospice group that have provided beds and permanent facilities for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [33141/17]
- *269. To ask the Minister for Health the current expenditure available for hospice groups for the employment of night nurses, staff or other expenditure to persons in need of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peter Burke. [33142/17]
- *270. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) can be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33150/17]
- *271. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychological and needs assessment will be carried out on a person (details supplied). Thomas Byrne. [33151/17]
- *272. To ask the Minister for Health if home help has now been facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33152/17]
- *273. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33153/17]
- *274. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card by a person (details supplied); if same has now been received and associated with the file; when a decision is likely to be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Bernard J. Durkan. [33154/17]
- *275. To ask the Minister for Health when a cardiac procedure will be accommodated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33155/17]
- *276. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative service provisions within intellectual disability services being put in place to accommodate young persons that are transitioning from children's services to adult services in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33156/17]

- *277. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in which the alternative service provisions within intellectual disability services will be in County Donegal to accommodate young persons that are transitioning from children's services to adult services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33157/17]
- *278. To ask the Minister for Health when the alternative service provisions within intellectual disability services will be available to accommodate young persons that are transitioning from children's services to adult services in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33158/17]
- *279. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) must wait two and a half years for an appointment to see an ear specialist; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Clare Daly. [33160/17]
- *280. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) is likely to be facilitated for removal of cataract, in view of the serious impairment of vision of the person and the fact they have been awaiting the procedure for almost a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Bernard J. Durkan. [33161/17]
- *281. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33163/17]
- *282. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33168/17]
- *283. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of the 15 bed specialist inpatient unit hospice at university hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brassil. [33197/17]
- *284. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment at Letterkenny university hospital, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33200/17]
- *285. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for a hip replacement in Letterkenny university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33201/17]
- *286. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the urgent or routine waiting list for a hip replacement in Letterkenny university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33202/17]
- *287. To ask the Minister for Health the reason agency staff (details supplied) in County Donegal had their hours reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33203/17]
- *288. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the accident and emergency services at Portiuncula hospital, Ballinasloe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33204/17]

- *289. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the accident and emergency services at midlands regional hospital Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33205/17]
- *290. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the accident and emergency services at university hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33206/17]
- *291. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the accident and emergency services at Mayo university hospital, Castlebar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33207/17]
- *292. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the accident and emergency services at Sligo university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33208/17]
- *293. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in to downgrade the maternity services at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33209/17]
- *294. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the maternity services at midland regional hospital, Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33210/17]
- *295. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the maternity services at university hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33211/17]
- *296. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the maternity services at Mayo university hospital, Castlebar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33212/17]
- *297. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade the maternity services at Sligo university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [33213/17]
- *298. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres in south County Mayo; his plans to open further primary care centres in south County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Hildegarde Naughton. [33215/17]
- *299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) at university hospital, Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Butler. [33235/17]
- *300. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a medical card application submitted by a person (details supplied) whose sole income is derived from a social welfare payment. Seamus Healy. [33241/17]
- *301. To ask the Minister for Health the community supports for persons caring for persons with dementia here; his plans to expand the support levels for those persons caring for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33246/17]

- *302. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1106 of 20 June 2017, the name of the body or department responsible for the purchase and supply of medical equipment for use by general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33247/17]
- *303. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a date for surgery for a person (details supplied). Peter Burke. [33255/17]
- *304. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the increased risk of violence and suicide among young persons under 25 years of age using SSRI anti depressants; the studies that he has requested to be carried out into this drug; if he has given consideration to attaching a black box warning to this class of drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Clare Daly. [33259/17]
- *305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been assessed as requiring a place at a day care centre in County Kildare, by day care centre, and by town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33260/17]
- *306. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that has been made for allocation of additional resources to the operation of day care centres in County Kildare; the way in which he plans to reduce the 52 plus week waiting list for a placement; the way in which he plans to improve service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33261/17]
- *307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of need of care that have been identified that attendance at a day care centre would be beneficial to a persons' wellbeing; the number of persons on waiting lists; the way in which these waiting lists are managed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33262/17]
- *308. To ask the Minister for Health if he has carried research into the provisioning of training and social outlets for those providing 24 hour care to family members; if research has been carried out on the social and personal needs of carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33263/17]
- *309. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment of the holistic needs of the population of adult carers in the home has been carried out; the way in which they might be supported to best care for loved ones in the home; the social support outlets and emotional supports available to such families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33264/17]
- *310. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the grant which was available through the HSE to purchase a wig for patients suffering with alopecia has now been withdrawn; if he will ensure that this grant is reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [33268/17]
- *311. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made to recruit staff at Dungarvan community hospital to enable St Patrick's ward to reopen, which closed as a result of staff shortages; the expected timeline for reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Mary Butler. [33275/17]
- *312. To ask the Minister for Health the reason changes to policy relating to breast cancer supports were recently announced by the HSE; if he will ensure these supports are not reduced for persons affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Butler. [33276/17]

- *313. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that all persons are suitably informed of the services they will receive in both the public and private system prior to signing the patient waiver form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Butler. [33277/17]
- *314. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the south east region is the only region nationally without a 24/7 cardiac care service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Mary Butler. [33278/17]
- *315. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether in multiple worldwide clinical assessments primary emergency coronary angioplasty and stenting for ST elevated heart attack has been demonstrated to only be effective if carried out soon after the first presentation of symptoms of heart attack, as after 90 minutes the benefits of primary PCI are negligible as heart muscle starved of oxygen and blood supply has already died and is not replaceable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Butler. [33279/17]
- *316. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether referring heart attack patients to outside centres where travel times can be double the European standard of 60 minutes is proven to be a clinical sub-optimal treatment protocol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mary Butler. [33280/17]
- *317. To ask the Minister for Health if he will schedule an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [33281/17]
- *318. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Stephen S. Donnelly. [33341/17]
- *319. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can be facilitated at Naas day care centre; if a placement can be offered in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33372/17]
- *320. To ask the Minister for Health if respite services are being provided at a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal; if not, the alternative provisions available to service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [33399/17]
- *321. To ask the Minister for Health if the design phase for the MRI facility for midland regional hospital Mullingar is completed. Peter Burke. [33402/17]
- *322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that sought drug treatment and rehabilitation services by local health area in Dublin over the past five years and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33444/17]
- *323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that accessed drug treatment and rehabilitation services by local health area in Dublin over the past five years and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33445/17]
- *324. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for drug prevention, treatment and rehabilitation projects in each of the past five years; the projected budget for 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33446/17]

- *325. To ask the Minister for Health further to an assessment and diagnosis by the Health Service Executive, the number of children awaiting the services of an occupational therapist; the number of these children that are waiting for more than six months, one year and two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33447/17]
- *326. To ask the Minister for Health further to an assessment and diagnosis by the Health Service Executive, the number of children currently awaiting the services of a speech therapist; the number of these children that are waiting for more than six months, one year and two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33448/17]
- *327. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to reduce waiting lists for children and adolescents with scoliosis in the children's hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33449/17]
- *328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new paediatrics trained nurses placed in Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin to deal with the waiting lists for children with scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33450/17]
- *329. To ask the Minister for Health if the planned orthopaedic surgeon post has been filled at Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin to deal with the waiting lists for children with scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33451/17]
- *330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for scoliosis surgery at Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin; the number of children that were waiting on a waiting list for scoliosis surgery in January, February, March, April, May and June of 2017, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33452/17]
- *331. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the National Drugs Strategy will be published without debate in Dáil Éireann before being adapted as government policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33453/17]
- *332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care package hours that were provided by the HSE in 2016 in the Dublin west HSE region; the number of home care package hours he plans to provide in this region in 2017; the budget spent on the provision of these hours in 2016; the budget provided for in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33454/17]
- *333. To ask the Minister for Health when work will commence on the building of the new 100 bed unit at St. Patrick's hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Kelly. [33530/17]
- *334. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the review of the fair deal scheme with specific reference to the treatment of family farms and small businesses in line with the commitment given in the programme for partnership government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon. [33547/17]
- *335. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will have an MRI at university hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Timmy Dooley. [33555/17]

- *336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff required and cost of meeting the staff allocation recommended in the Vision for Change report for the child and adolescent mental health service in view of the population of children and young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33568/17]
- *337. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which children or teenagers liable to self harm continue to have ready access to support services such as counselling and follow up visits; the degree to which patterns over the past number of years have illustrated the adequacy of such support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [31213/17]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

- *338. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to protect fishing interests further to the announcement by the British Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that the UK will leave the London Fisheries Convention of 1964 which provides reciprocal fishing access rights for countries party to this agreement and in view of the large percentage of landings made from the UK exclusive economic zone by Irish boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33162/17]
- *339. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will meet an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the steps he is taking to protect west County Cork fishermen following the announcement that the UK will leave the London Fisheries Convention of 1964; and the steps he will take to protect fishing interests in upcoming Brexit talks if the UK leaves the Common Fisheries Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33165/17]
- *340. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will he review the EU basic payment scheme to include willow as one of the crops eligible for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [33178/17]
- *341. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS payment for a person (details supplied). Robert Troy. [33220/17]
- *342. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of roles unfilled in Bord Bia, the year in which these roles were made available, in tabular form; the nature of these roles; the number of these roles related to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33305/17]
- *343. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trade missions undertaken by his department to date in 2017; the destination of these missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33310/17]
- *344. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority in its role as a named external consultee advising the Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33315/17]
- *345. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation, which stated that the authority had no observations to make in

- relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay. Catherine Connolly. [33316/17]
- *346. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by An Bord Iascaigh Mhara in its role as a named external consultee, advising the Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33317/17]
- *347. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation of An Bord Iascaigh Mhara, in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33318/17]
- *348. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33332/17]
- *349. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the two ongoing reviews of fisheries policies in his department on mackerel allocations and on fleet capacity, the date on which he will make a decision on the fleet capacity submissions in view of the fact that the mackerel consultation impacts only 2.5% of the entire fleet and the fleet capacity consultation impacts 100% of it; if he will ensure that the resourcing of the two review processes reflects the true impact of each review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33363/17]
- *350. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to support Ireland's fisheries industry to mitigate the impact of Brexit in view of the UK's plans to leave the London Fisheries Convention. Stephen S. Donnelly. [32100/17]
- *351. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he appointed the steering committee to manage the review of his department's inspection regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [33410/17]
- *352. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person he appointed to the steering committee to manage the review of his department's inspection regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [33411/17]
- *353. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons appointed to the steering committee to manage the review of his department's inspection regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [33412/17]
- *354. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken to his counterpart in the UK government regarding the intentions of the UK to withdraw from the London Fisheries Convention 1964 also known as the European Fisheries Convention; and his views on the impact this may have on Ireland's fishing industry. Micheál Martin. [33011/17]
- *355. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding mussel and seed fishing using boats from Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33543/17]

- *356. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the review being undertaken by his department of the nitrates directive; the measures he can take to provide greater flexibility, reduced penalties and more workable regulations for persons under this directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon. [33545/17]
- *357. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a review of an AEOS final year contract payment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Tom Neville. [33554/17]
- *358. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of warnings issued over the past three years in respect of hedge cutting; the number of notices issued by local authorities in respect of tree and hedge cutting along public roads on health and safety grounds. Bernard J. Durkan. [33570/17]

Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

- *359. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a tourism group (details supplied) in County Donegal is under the remit of his department; if not, the type of legal entity it is; the persons on the board of management, including the chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer; the length of time they have been in the positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33242/17]
- *360. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times the board of management of a tourism group (details supplied) have met; the members of the group; the funding model of the group; the amount of funding or investment the group has received to date in 2017; the source of funding; if Inland Fisheries Ireland has invested money in the group; the amount invested to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33243/17]
- *361. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps that have been taken to ensure that robust controls are in place in order that only fit and proper persons and companies are allowed to hold waste permits and that appropriate corporate governance arrangements are implemented as promised in A Resource Opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33159/17]
- *362. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband services will be available under national broadband scheme at Sarsfieldstown, Julianstown, County Meath. Thomas Byrne. [33177/17]
- *363. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband rollout is still scheduled to take place in Ballymore, County Westmeath later in 2017; and will the Minister give a definite timeframe for this work. Robert Troy. [33184/17]
- *364. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a bin company's contracts with customers give the company permission to access customers' homes without their knowledge or approval; his views on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jack Chambers. [33196/17]
- *365. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding fibre broadband in an area (details supplied) and the surrounding areas in which a

- company has a unit installed in the village to facilitate the provision of broadband for 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Eamon Scanlon. [33240/17]
- *366. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on plans by a waste company (details supplied) to levy hefty fines on customers for contaminated waste in view of the fact that the same company's terms and conditions forbids tampering with bins, meaning locks to same cannot be affixed, and therefore persons cannot fully control the type of waste that may be placed in their bins by third parties on the street. Clare Daly. [33244/17]
- *367. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the accuracy of the national broadband plan map; the factors which may reduce the accuracy of this map; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33306/17]
- *368. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by the Geological Survey of Ireland in its role as a named external consultee, advising the Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33319/17]
- *369. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation, in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay which stated that the Geological Survey had no observations to make; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33320/17]
- *370. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33322/17]
- *371. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay given that the Commission had no comment to make; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33324/17]
- *372. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33335/17]
- *373. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will reverse the proposal that the provision of a green, black and brown bin is to be restricted to areas with a population density of greater than 500 in view of the fact that it is discriminating against rural dwellers that wish to recycle and manage the cost of their waste disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [33419/17]
- *374. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to rollout an information awareness campaign to inform persons of plans to ban flat rate bin charges in the future; and if so, when he plans on doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 John Curran. [33439/17]

- *375. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress to date in the provision of high quality broadband in all areas throughout County Kildare without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33497/17]
- *376. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the waste which can lawfully be disposed of in a black bin, a green bin and a brown bin, respectively. Thomas Byrne. [33531/17]
- *377. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the regulation in place to allow a waste company impose a fine for waste incorrectly placed in the wrong coloured bin. Thomas Byrne. [33532/17]

Chun an Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

- *378. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has met with representatives of shipping lines in the context of Brexit; the potential for disruption of goods transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33293/17]
- *379. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has investigated the impact of Brexit on the use of the United Kingdom as a land bridge for goods to other markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33294/17]
- *380. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when funding will be made available for the construction of the western distributor road which is needed to provide essential high quality access to a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Eamon Scanlon. [33136/17]
- *381. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take to alleviate the inconvenience and sleep disturbance beings caused by the use of south Dublin as the flight path for flights to Dublin airport from 23:00 hours to 05:00 hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maria Bailey. [33182/17]
- *382. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by the Coast Guard in its role as a named external consultee advising the Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33191/17]
- *383. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33192/17]
- *384. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by the Commissioners of Irish Lights in its role as a named external consultee advising the Minister for Housing, Planning Community and Local Government in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33193/17]

- *385. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to the foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay in view of the fact that the Commissioners of Irish Lights held that as the site is within the current wave energy test site, Irish lights have no objections to the proposed developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33194/17]
- *386. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the planned automation of Greystones DART station; the impact on staff and passengers including those with disabilities and tourists that often look to staff for help and information; the health and safety implications; his plans to lease Greystones station for commercial use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Gino Kenny. [33198/17]
- *387. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to make public transport more accessible for wheelchair users; the extent of the public transport network which is wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33226/17]
- *388. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the initiatives in place to encourage transport providers to make their services as accessible as possible to wheelchair users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33227/17]
- *389. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to alleviate the fact that persons with mobility and sensory impairments must give at least 24 hours notice before journeying with railway transport services; the further steps he is taking to reduce this notice time; and the way in which the target time may be reduced or indeed be replaced by fully accessible carriages. Thomas P. Broughan. [33228/17]
- *390. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated amounts he expects to spend on improving and building local, regional and national roads in each of the years 2017 to 2021 including the already stated department commitments with regard to the State capital roads investment programme together with all levels of road improvements at a national and county council level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Tony McLoughlin. [33231/17]
- *391. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will award a sports capital grant to a club (details supplied). Robert Troy. [33284/17]
- *392. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has undertaken a study of the need for additional roll on roll off ferry services in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33295/17]
- *393. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has conducted a review of the additional infrastructure which may be required at or in the vicinity of ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33304/17]
- *394. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will award a sports capital grant to a club (details supplied). Robert Troy. [33311/17]
- *395. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33347/17]

- *396. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has made enquiries or received assurances from the European Commission that to appoint the IAA as the competent authority under EU Regulation 598/14 would not represent a conflict of interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Clare Daly. [33422/17]
- *397. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will designate Enfield train station in County Meath as a short hopper station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Shane Cassells. [33425/17]
- *398. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress he and his department have made regarding the establishment of a properly functioning motor insurance database with the insurance industry in order to show the insured status of persons; the way in which and when this database will be made available to An Garda Síochána; when he expects this action to contribute to reducing motor insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33455/17]
- *399. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Garda Traffic Corps has reduced in numbers from 795 assigned gardaí in March 2014 to 655 gardaí in March 2017; his views on same; if he has satisfied himself with these figures in relation to road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33456/17]
- *400. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Lucan swimming pool project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33458/17]
- *401. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for a discount on the toll for multiple or frequent commuter toll use on the M3; and if motorway tolls can be incorporated into the Leap card system. Thomas Byrne. [33533/17]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

- *402. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to have a community childcare service reopened (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [33167/17]
- *403. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a social welfare worker that has been assigned to a case involving child welfare has not made contact with the family despite being assigned the case on 12 May 2016. Robert Troy. [33199/17]
- *404. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of the €132 million to be spent on measures for childcare in the zero to six months, six months to three years of age, and after school care categories respectively, in tabular form; and when these payments will commence. Kathleen Funchion. [33236/17]
- *405. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children estimated to receive a subsidy for each of the amounts (details supplied) per hour, per week under the 2017 extended childcare scheme measures; and the cost associated with each of these separate categories of children once implemented. Kathleen Funchion. [33237/17]
- *406. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to re-examine the 2016 childcare regulation requirements whereby only staff that are fully qualified with a major level

- 5 in early childhood care and education can be included in adult to child ratios. Robert Troy. [33287/17]
- *407. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33334/17]
- *408. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the capital funding allocated to the youth work sector in 2016 and 2017; the amount of funding that has been drawn down by beneficiaries to date in both 2016 and 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33510/17]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

- *409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33125/17]
- *410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision can be expected to be reached in view of the fact that the person has no income in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33169/17]
- *411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the family income supplement in the months of May 2017 and June 2017; and the estimated spend on FIS in 2017. Maurice Quinlivan. [33172/17]
- *412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for domiciliary care allowance applications; the reason for these delays; her plans to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael McGrath. [33218/17]
- *413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to ensure that persons (details supplied) can have financial support while awaiting the outcome of the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pat Deering. [33229/17]
- *414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the State pension (contributory) and the State pension (non contributory) with a gender breakdown for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. John Brady. [33234/17]
- *415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the community supports for persons caring for persons with dementia here; her plans to expand the support levels for those persons caring for persons with dementia; her plans to meet dementia advocacy groups to discuss increases in funding in the context of budget 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33245/17]
- *416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason it is necessary for claimants of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance to be in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment in order to be eligible for this benefit; her views on whether she considers this unfair to other claimants not in receipt of such payments but that are on low incomes and that would qualify under the means test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [33248/17]

- *417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remove the means test on income generated through the rent a room scheme for those in receipt of one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33288/17]
- *418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the work conducted by her department to identify the potential impacts of Brexit on those in receipt of social welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33302/17]
- *419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33345/17]
- *420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33371/17]
- *421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33387/17]
- *422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33388/17]
- *423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33389/17]
- *424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33390/17]
- *425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the redress awarded to a person from the Residential Institutions Redress Board should be included in a means assessment for a supplementary welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [33400/17]
- *426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33401/17]
- *427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33408/17]
- *428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33409/17]
- *429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of restoring the State pension transition over two years. John Brady. [33413/17]

- *430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of restoring the State pension transition over three years. John Brady. [33414/17]
- *431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing jobseeker's allowance, supplementary welfare allowance and the back to education allowance by €5. John Brady. [33415/17]
- *432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing age reduced jobseeker's payments in line with the jobseeker's payments paid to those aged over 26 years of age over three years. John Brady. [33416/17]
- *433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Charlie McConalogue. [33426/17]
- *434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a person's (details supplied) application for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33427/17]
- *435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a person's (details supplied) application for carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [33428/17]
- *436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she has identified the hardship caused in circumstances in which various payments are cut off in some cases leading to homelessness; her plans to amend the system to avoid further homelessness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33498/17]
- *437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will take steps to ensure that persons applying for means tested social protection payments following family law settlement in respect of the family home are not forced to spend the entire proceeds of their settlement before being awarded rent support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33499/17]
- *438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she can continue to improve the time taken to process appeals in respect of various social protection payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33500/17]
- *439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she and her department continue to monitor the age profile of those on the live register long term with a view to initiating measures to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33501/17]
- *440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which progress has been made in addressing the issue whereby women are deprived of contributory pensions having retired from the workplace while raising their families or due to the marriage ban and that have made a major contribution to society in the course of their working lives; if their cases will be re-examined with a view to crediting them with sufficient contributions to enable them to qualify for State or retirement pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33502/17]
- *441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the functions which her department has or will assume from the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation following the appointment of

- the new government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33512/17]
- *442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the development and introduction of a new scheme to replace JobBridge; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

 Thomas P. Broughan. [33513/17]
- *443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 26 years of age that have applied for and been eligible for the JobsPlus scheme since its introduction, by county, in tabular form. Thomas P. Broughan. [33514/17]
- *444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her department has carried out an analysis or evaluation of the JobsPlus scheme to ascertain if employers subsidised under the scheme have retained staff in the period after the subsidy is withdrawn; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33515/17]
- *445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons aged 18 to 21 and 22 to 24 years of age respectively on a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33516/17]
- *446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider widening eligibility to the community employment schemes for young persons under 25 years of age that are on a social welfare payment for 12 months or more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33517/17]
- *447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 26 years of age that are in receipt of disability allowance; the number of males and females in receipt of this payment in this age cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33518/17]
- *448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 26 years of age that are in receipt of the one parent family payment; the number of males and females in receipt of this payment in this age cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33519/17]
- *449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected funding provided for the family income supplement scheme in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33520/17]
- *450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33546/17]
- *451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33548/17]
- *452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 481 of 21 March 2017, the rates of all weekly payments; the resulting rates if they were to be increased in line with the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices for 2018; and the estimated cost of this

- increase per scheme identifying the full and partial year effect if relevant, in tabular form. Pearse Doherty. [33549/17]
- *453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of each €1 increase to the age reduced JSA and SWA weekly rate of €102.70 in 2018. Pearse Doherty. [33550/17]
- *454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of each €1 increase to the age reduced JSA and SWA weekly rate of €147.80 in 2018. Pearse Doherty. [33551/17]
- *455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of each €1 increase to the age reduced back to education weekly rate in 2018; and the full year effect. Pearse Doherty. [33552/17]
- *456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33556/17]
- *457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33558/17]
- *458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33561/17]
- *459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal for a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33563/17]
- Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning; Community and Local Government.
- *460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on a media report by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seamus Healy. [33173/17]
- *461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the measures taken by his department to ensure no conflicts of interest arise in the foreshore lease licence application system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33175/17]
- *462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the sequence of steps for both the applicant and the competent authority in relation to the statutory process application for a foreshore lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33176/17]
- *463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the details of the funding allocation of housing grants aid including mobility aids housing grant scheme, housing adaptation grant for people with a disability and housing aid for older people, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pat Deering. [33238/17]

- *464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the regulation that governs the setting of rents by voluntary housing agencies and the rights tenants of such bodies have in relation to appealing new rents set by such bodies; the guidelines his department has for the setting of rents by voluntary housing bodies. Bríd Smith. [33250/17]
- *465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for additional resources to fund home extension projects for local authority tenants through the overcrowding extensions; his views on whether this will help alleviate the housing lists and stop the increasing trend in over crowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maureen O'Sullivan. [33251/17]
- *466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to set up a building regulations advisory authority to allow broader input from industry experts (details supplied) that wish to have input into the area of planning control; his views on whether this would be beneficial in improving an imperfect system. Maureen O'Sullivan. [33252/17]
- *467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to review the policy of relying on the private sector to build homes and instead give local authorities more of a central role in building in order to address housing lists in view of expert views, as well as the fact that supply does not equate to more affordable homes. Maureen O'Sullivan. [33253/17]
- *468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way in which to address the matter of substandard work carried out in the past by developers that are already building new developments. Maureen O'Sullivan. [33254/17]
- *469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33328/17]
- *470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by Met Éireann in its role as a named external consultee, advising him as the consenting authority, in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33329/17]
- *471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33330/17]
- *472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33338/17]
- *473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if an exception can be made for a person whose only source of income is social welfare to purchase their house under the tenant incremental purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 Noel Grealish. [33351/17]
- *474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the position regarding a foreshore lease application (details supplied) in respect of a Marine Institute renewable

- energy testing site off An Spidéal in Galway bay; when a final decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33353/17]
- *475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if a person that is on the rental accommodation scheme (RAS) can remain on the local authority housing waiting list or transfer list; if their years on the RAS can be recognised in view of the fact that they have no long term security of tenure while on the RAS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [33360/17]
- *476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to extend the homeless HAP payment outside County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33459/17]
- *477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on developing an off balance sheet special purpose vehicle to allow an organisation (details supplied) and similar bodies to invest substantial funds in social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33460/17]
- *478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the blockages and issues that are effecting the deadlines as set out in Rebuilding Ireland for the rapid build housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33461/17]
- *479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the measures being taken to increase the supply of dedicated student accommodation to free up units in the general rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33462/17]
- *480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to his reiteration of the previous Minister's position (details supplied), the way in which his department has communicated this position to the local planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála in order to allow them to continue to make timely determinations on planning applications for proposed solar PV developments using the planning policy and guidance that is in force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33463/17]
- *481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the steps he is taking to maximise the use of State owned lands to deliver affordable rental properties in areas of high demand as part of his rental sector strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

 John Curran. [33464/17]
- *482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he or his department considered a town centre renewal initiative as part of the strategy for the rental sector in order to fast track the return of vacant stock into use in our town and village centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33465/17]
- *483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the tax and fiscal incentives to encourage additional supply which have been considered as part of his rental sector strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33466/17]
- *484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the progress which has been made in the setting up of the expert group in line with the commitment in Action 12 of the Strategy for the Rental Sector that his department will lead an expert group to develop a cost rental model for the Irish rental sector; when he expects it to be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33467/17]

- *485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he expects a completed document will be published in view of the fact that he has seen a first draft of the new national vacant housing re-use strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Curran. [33468/17]
- *486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the position regarding the work of his department in relation to extending voting rights to persons of 16 and 17 years of age further to his commitment given in Seanad Éireann during the debate on the Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2016 on 24 March 2017 that he would engage in further deliberation and discussion with interested parties and organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33509/17]
- *487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to review the local authority tenant purchase scheme in view of the difficulties tenants are having with income threshold and discount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Tom Neville. [33557/17]
- *488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to the publication of the draft guidelines on wind energy, the process which will bring these guidelines into law; if there will be a public consultation process in place; and the way in which it will affect various counties that have adopted policies in their own county development plans which is contrary to these draft proposals. Robert Troy. [29588/17]
- *489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the commitments in the programme for government in relation to improving the lives of persons with disabilities. Richard Boyd Barrett. [29820/17]

Chun an Taoisigh agus Aire Cosanta: To the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.

- *490. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to examine increasing the army service pension; the last time that an increase was applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Lisa Chambers. [33232/17]
- *491. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of figures for the strength of the Permanent Defence Force with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Lisa Chambers. [33128/17]
- *492. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Lisa Chambers. [33129/17]
- *493. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Permanent Defence Force has taken on to date in 2017 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Lisa Chambers. [33130/17]
- *494. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Reserve Defence Forces have taken on to date in 2017 with regard to all services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Lisa Chambers. [33131/17]

- *495. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of suspect devices that the army disposal unit dealt has dealt with, by county to date in 2017, in tabular form. Lisa Chambers. [33132/17]
- *496. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of days spent at sea by members of the Naval Service Reserve in 2016 and to date in 2017. Lisa Chambers. [33133/17]
- *497. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has identified suitable capability projects for the European Defence Fund and for the European Defence Industrial Development Programme; and if he will be proposing options for the joint procurement initiatives within the European Defence Fund as the European Council has requested member states to do. Lisa Chambers. [33134/17]
- *498. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the criteria or commitments he deems appropriate for Ireland to make within Permanent Structured Cooperation; and if it is planned that Ireland will participate fully within this new structure. Lisa Chambers. [33135/17]
- *499. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the research and investigations undertaken which led to the observation submitted by his department in its role as a named external consultee advising the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33189/17]
- *500. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has satisfied himself regarding the submitted observation in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied) on Galway Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [33190/17]
- *501. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to increase the army service pension; and the last time an increase was applied. Lisa Chambers. [33230/17]
- *502. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of persons to whom doxycycline was prescribed in each of the years 2006 to 2012 respectively. Clare Daly. [33239/17]
- *503. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the development of sectorial response plans to Brexit; the publication date of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Stephen S. Donnelly. [33336/17]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 13 IÚIL, 2017 QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 2017

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning; Community and Local Government.

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the steps he will take to ensure that minimum standards in the private rental sector are adhered to by landlords.
 Clare Daly. [33382/17]

- 2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the policy decision that has led to the situation in which there is now a disparity in equality of accessing the housing assistance payment in respect of persons assessed under the current social housing guideline legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [33121/17]
- 3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will examine the method used by voluntary housing agencies to set the rent levels of their tenants and the rights of tenants in such circumstances in which they are faced with substantial rent rises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [33384/17]
- 4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will ensure a place finder team is established in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [33185/17]
- 5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether the crisis in housing shows the need for a massive programme of social and public house building funded by the State and local authorities in view of the failure of the market and various incentives to deal with the crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [33385/17]
- 6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will carry out a formal detailed review of the pyrite remediation scheme; if he will amend the scheme in order to permit the inclusion of homes with a level 1 category damage assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darragh O'Brien. [33112/17]
- 7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he expects the target of taking all homeless families with children out of hotels except in exceptional circumstances to be met; the indicative length of time such families are expected to stay in family hubs; the arrangements made for children to get to school, after school programmes and so on while they are in hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jan O'Sullivan. [33377/17]
- 8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if funding in addition to the TIC measure 2 funds already committed to will be provided to Cork county council in order to advance the Crossbarry sewerage scheme. Aindrias Moynihan. [33119/17]
- 9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the ongoing discussions within his department and the ABH sector on the forthcoming Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Bill 2015. Eoin Ó Broin. [33144/17]
- 10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to improve the income eligibility limits for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [33117/17]
- 11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons seeking to buy a home that are unable to obtain mortgage approval on the basis of their incomes and prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [33393/17]
- 12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way in which his department is progressing the affordable housing scheme which was agreed as part of the Poolbeg LAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Martin. [33395/17]

- 13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will define affordable housing in terms of household income in his department's plans such as the local infrastructure housing activation fund or the land bank plan; the way in which he plans to ensure housing units delivered under these plans will be below affordable price points. Barry Cowen. [33403/17]
- 14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the government commitment to provide affordable rental and purchase homes; and his views on the difficulties of Dublin city council and south Dublin county council to guarantee affordable rental or purchase units in the joint venture and land initiative projects. Eoin Ó Broin. [33147/17]
- 15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the publication of the review prepared by independent fire experts to develop a framework in the interest of supporting persons living in developments in County Kildare and other areas that have concerns regarding non-compliance with fire safety requirements, including the case of a fire at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [33398/17]
- 16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if a review of income eligibility limits for social housing has been carried out; if so, the outcome of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [33118/17]
- 17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the Housing Agency and his department's review of the all in cost of providing private sector residential units. Eoin Ó Broin. [33145/17]
- 18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will approve further new schemes in the event of Laois county council providing extra land found suitable for housing. Brian Stanley. [33115/17]
- 19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which he has sought or received a commitment from the various local authorities, particularly those with large numbers of persons for local authority housing, as to their ability to respond rapidly to the ongoing housing needs; the extent to which they have engaged in and completed the planning process as a preliminary step in addressing the housing issue; if provisions have been made for the development of private sites on which persons at a suitable income level could provide their own houses; his views on whether there is an immediate and acute shortage of housing units that can only be dealt with either by modular housing or a rapid build process, in view of the urgency of the situation over the past twelve months; the degree to which each of these local authorities have made the necessary logistical arrangements to make houses available by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33369/17]
- 20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the progress that is being made on reducing the social housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [33396/17]
- 21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will sign a commencement order to further extend expired planning permissions for housing developments (details supplied) under the Planning and Development (Housing) and Tenancies Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Robert Troy. [33435/17]

- 22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce an affordable rental scheme to subsidise rents for low to middle income households in employment; the reasons his department decided not to use the €10 million allocated in budget 2016 for a pilot scheme for this purpose. Barry Cowen. [33405/17]
- 23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the commitment made on page 54 of Rebuilding Ireland to extend the national housing strategy for persons with a disability. Eoin Ó Broin. [33146/17]
- 24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to address the inadequacies with the new housing assistance payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [33397/17]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason there are so many board vacancies on An Bord Pleanála; and the actions he is taking to implement the appropriate 2016 review of the organisation. Alan Kelly. [33106/17]
- 26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to stem the extreme house price inflation that was in evidence in Q2 2017. Barry Cowen. [33404/17]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will bring forward legislation to amend the exceptional circumstances clause in section 17 of the Pyrite Resolution Act 2013, in view of the fact that no properties have been remediated under this clause since the enactment of the legislation. Clare Daly. [33380/17]
- 28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there has been a change in the approach being taken by the pyrite remediation board and housing agency in relation to the number of properties being tested in areas in which the presence of pyrite is already well established and properties are displaying significant damage; the number of such properties that have been retested; the number of applications subsequently refused; if this is being undertaken as a result of pressure that there will be insufficient funds available under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Clare Daly. [33102/17]
- 29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the steps he is taking to expedite the publication of his department's report into the fire at a location (details supplied) in County Kildare in 2015; if his department has responded to a written request for same from a group of Kildare county councillors; the outstanding concerns preventing the publication of the report; and the timeframe for the publication of same. Clare Daly. [33103/17]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to implement measures to make vacant houses and sites available for social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [33431/17]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the new targets for new social housing units by 2021, in view of his statement that current targets will not be met by 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [33430/17]
- 32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce the cost rental form of social housing as agreed in the programme for government. Eamon Ryan. [33187/17]

- 33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there is threshold of rent rises or further increases in homelessness that could be passed before he would consider strict rent controls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [33394/17]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the length of time he anticipates homeless family hubs will be in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [33434/17]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the guidelines available to planning authorities for applications being submitted for solar farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fiona O'Loughlin. [29815/17]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason for the 21% drop in local authority employment levels in each of the years 2008 to 2013 as highlighted by the recent report of the Public Sector Pay Commission; the extent to which the drop in staff has been compensated through the use of agency recruitment and outsourcing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [26057/17]
- *37*. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of applications that have been received to date in 2017 under the revised mortgage to rent scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jan O'Sullivan. [33376/17]
- 38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the measures he will take to ensure the maximum delivery of both social and affordable housing in Cherrywood and the Shanganagh Castle site in Shankill as part of his review of Rebuilding Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [33186/17]
- 39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if homeless families that will be moved into hubs will still receive Leap cards for transport and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [30852/17]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will designate Gorey, County Wexford, as a rent pressure zone, in view of continually rising rents there as a result of the fact that it is in the Dublin commuter belt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mick Wallace. [33437/17]
- 41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the steps he will take to insure voluntary housing agencies that are recipients of State funds do not raise their rents out of line with rents charged by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [33386/17]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the potential for high rise zones within Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darragh O'Brien. [33113/17]
- *43*. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the tenant purchase scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Brassil. [33105/17]

- 44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to implement a redress scheme to help those homeowners affected by mica; the timeframe for such a scheme to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charlie McConalogue. [33120/17]
- 45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will publish the draft national planning framework; if interested stakeholders will get a further opportunity to make submissions, observations and so on; when the NPF will be put on a statutory basis; and if a budget will be allocated to deliver same. Robert Troy. [33436/17]
- 46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to reform the local infrastructure housing activation fund to ensure that affordable housing is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [33432/17]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which he has communicated with or received communication from various local authorities throughout the greater Dublin area indicating their ability or otherwise to expedite the housing programme by one means or another to ensure an accelerated programme of housing starts in July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [33370/17]
- 48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the progress being made to advance the cost to rent rental housing scheme as committed to in the programme for government. Brian Stanley. [33114/17]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to help homeowners affected by the mica issue; his further plans to set up a redress scheme; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Charlie McConalogue. [33104/17]
- 50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the persons to be housed in the new rapid build units will be taken from the local authority waiting list; if other criteria will apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [33383/17]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of ongoing review of the nitrates directive; the measures his department can take as part of this review to provide greater flexibility, reduced penalties and more workable regulations for farmers under this directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Heydon. [33391/17]
- 52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the commitment given on page 53 of Rebuilding Ireland that a special purpose vehicle would be established with support from organisations (details supplied). Eoin Ó Broin. [33143/17]
- 53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his proposals for reducing the costs of constructing new multi-unit developments. Barry Cowen. [33406/17]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the maximum stay for families accommodated in family hubs; if he has committed to no family being accommodated for longer than six months in a family hub; the move on options to permanent housing there will be for these families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas P. Broughan. [33111/17]

- 55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on further sanctions and disincentives against land hoarding and speculation in development land, such as some form of site value tax; his further views on whether the vacant site tax is unlikely to be effective. Barry Cowen. [33407/17]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will initiate a fire safety audit on all multi storey residential buildings constructed since 1992; and if he will confirm compliance with fire safety building regulations for all multi storey residential developments already undertaken. Clare Daly. [33381/17]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for the administrative boundary between counties Waterford and Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bobby Aylward. [33116/17]
- 58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will rescind the ministerial order for the SDZ in Clonmagadden, Navan, County Meath, in view of the fact that the scheme is no longer fit for purpose in its current guise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Shane Cassells. [33107/17]
- 59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the recently issued guidelines for wind farms will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fiona O'Loughlin. [29816/17]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way in which his department defines affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruth Coppinger. [33433/17]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the direction he has given to local authorities to ensure that homes built for private sale on publicly owned land are sold at affordable prices; if he will consider introducing an appropriate national affordable housing scheme for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jan O'Sullivan. [33379/17]
- 62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will ensure that a group (details supplied) will be included in the expert group to develop a cost rental model for the rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joan Collins. [33374/17]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the next review of rent pressure zones will be carried out; if the general review of Rebuilding Ireland will include more substantial changes to the legislation which defined qualification as a rent pressure zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jan O'Sullivan. [33378/17]