



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

**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 his plans to introduce an affordable rental scheme to subsidise rents for low to middle income households in employment; the reason his department decided not to use the €10 million allocated in budget 2016 for a pilot scheme for this purpose was not utilised. — Barry Cowen. [34098/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to ensure that no LIHAF funding will be released to developers that have not provided for a proportion of the units in their development to be sold at an affordable price that is less than €300,000 in Dublin and at appropriate levels elsewhere. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33571/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to stem the house price inflation that was in evidence in Q2 2017. — Barry Cowen. [34099/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the measures he will take to ensure that all emergency homeless accommodation, including family HUBS, funded by his department will meet the highest possible standards. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33572/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans with regard to developing and publishing a vacant homes strategy; the date on which he expects to publish the strategy; the elements he will progress in advance of publication; his views on the disappointing take up of the repair and leasing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [33629/17]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

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#### CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

\*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will seek a special derogation from the EU state aid rules to address the impact of Brexit on Irish firms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34259/17]

\*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the lack of a multi-annual commitment to the PRTL by her department retards its ability to attract matching funding from private sector or EU sources. — Thomas Byrne. [34335/17]

\*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of joint trade missions involving officials and industry representatives from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland undertaken to date in 2017; the number planned for the remainder of 2017 and for 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34505/17]

\*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA jobs which have been created in County Kerry in each of the past 20 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33631/17]

\*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the way her department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34035/17]

\*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the investment by her department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34070/17]

\*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has raised the UK's future membership of the European Space Agency with her UK or EU counterparts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34241/17]

\*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA sponsored visits in each of the years 2015 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by county; and the IDA's strategy to ensure there is an equitable distribution of visits among counties. — Michael McGrath. [34271/17]

\*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the consumer rights that apply to gift vouchers; her plans to introduce new rules concerning the period of time for which such vouchers must remain valid; her further plans to strengthen consumer rights in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34294/17]

\*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the actions her department and bodies under the aegis of her department have taken in response to each of the relevant recommendations of the interim report on the Committee of Public Accounts' examination of bank stabilisation measures. — Róisín Shortall. [34317/17]

\*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the plans her department and the State's industrial promotion agencies have to assist in 2017 in job creation and in the maintenance of existing employment throughout County Cavan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34318/17]

\*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the plans her department and the State's industrial promotion agencies have to assist in 2017 in job creation and in the maintenance of existing employment throughout County Monaghan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34319/17]

\*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when she plans on making the recommendations of the Low Pay Commission regarding au pair placements publicly available. — Anne Rabbitte. [34336/17]

\*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the current allowable food and board deductions for au pairs are fair and representative of the cost of providing these services, in view of Ireland's high cost of living. — Anne Rabbitte. [34337/17]

\*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she has taken to attract foreign direct investment via Rosslare Europort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34396/17]

\*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to improve the level of IDA engagement in the south eastern region which the region's economic monitor has cited as a necessity for closing the regional economic gap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34405/17]

\*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the IDA supported companies that have located in County Wexford; the number of jobs provided by these companies in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34415/17]

\*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the concerns regarding Ireland's furniture fire safety regulations; the actions which her department has taken in this regard since concerns were raised two years ago; the arrangements for monitoring compliance with these regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34670/17]

\*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the Consumer Rights Bill, the general scheme of which her department had previously published; if she is considering greater consumer protection in relation to unfair contract terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34681/17]

\*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the report she received from the ODCE in relation to the collapse of the trial of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in publishing this report; if she will undertake to publish it without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34698/17]

\*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the regulatory regime pertaining to the issue of expiry dates on vouchers; and the status of the Consumer Rights Bill. — Niall Collins. [34708/17]

\*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of SMEs that have been recipients of Horizon 2020 funding in each of the years since the programme became operational and to date in 2017, by county, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [34709/17]

\*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of vacant IDA properties in each county from the latest data available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34710/17]

\*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of vacant IDA site visits in each county in quarter 2 of 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34711/17]

\*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by Enterprise Ireland on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34717/17]

\*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by Enterprise Ireland on 31 December 2015, 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017 respectively by each local authority in the Dublin region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34718/17]

\*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by IDA Ireland on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, respectively by county; the agency's strategy to ensure there is an equitable distribution of visits among counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34719/17]

\*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by IDA Ireland on 31 December 2015, on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017 respectively, by local authority in the Dublin region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34720/17]

\*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of the IDA's sponsored visits to Dublin, which also visited Cork; and the number of the IDA's sponsored visits to Cork, which also visited Dublin, since 2012 (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [34721/17]

\*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs supported by each LEO office on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, respectively by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34722/17]

\*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the value of drawdowns issued under the credit guarantee scheme on 31 December 2015, on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, respectively; the value of approvals on the same dates; the details of each drawdown and approval by county; the reasons for the delay in the legislation to review the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34723/17]

\*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the value of drawdowns issued under the microfinance scheme on 31 December 2015, on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, respectively; the value of approvals on the same dates by county of each drawdown and approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34724/17]

\*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the value of drawdowns issued by each LEO on 31 December 2015, on 31 December 2016 and on 30 June 2017, respectively; the value of approvals on the same dates by county; if she will provide a LEO by LEO breakdown of each drawdown and approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34725/17]

\*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspections carried out by the workplace relations bodies by county in each month since being

established; the number of prosecutions undertaken in each county during that time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34726/17]

\*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspection staff attached to the workplace relations bodies since being established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34727/17]

\*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications for innovation vouchers; the number issued; the number redeemed; the value of vouchers redeemed for each year of the programme; the criteria for approval for a voucher; if it is possible for a voucher to be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34731/17]

\*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications received by the microenterprise loan fund in each year since its establishment; the number of loans approved; the amount drawn down; the number of jobs supported by the fund, in tabular form; her plans for its future development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34732/17]

\*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of funding Enterprise Ireland has provided from the high potential start up funding scheme for each of the years from 2010 to 2015; and for each of these years the number of companies which have received funding from this specific scheme; the cumulative number of jobs that have been created after this form of funding was provided to these companies; the cumulative amount of additional exports in euro that have been generated by these companies after they received this form of funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34733/17]

\*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the level of take up of the development capital scheme in each of the years since its establishment and to date in 2017; the number of jobs supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34734/17]

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the level of take up of the seed and venture capital scheme in each of the years since its establishment and to date in 2017; the number of jobs supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34735/17]

\*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the level of take up of the innovation fund Ireland, in each of the years since its establishment and to date in 2017; the number of jobs supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34736/17]

\*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of funding the health and safety authority spent on all safety initiatives; the number of inspections it carried out in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34737/17]

\*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation further to parliamentary question number 173 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34846/17]

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\*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the expected net profits arising from the wind down of the NAMA; the expected date of completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34244/17]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of lending undertaken by the NPRF SME credit fund to date; the number of projects involved; the number of jobs supported; the percentage of applications approved; the way in which the operation of the fund compares to the initial targets set for it; the future plans for the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34728/17]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of investment undertaken by the NPRF SME Equity Fund to date; the number of projects involved; the number of jobs supported; the percentage of applications approved; the way in which the operation of the fund compares to the initial targets set for it; the future plans for the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34729/17]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of investment undertaken by the NPRF Turnaround Fund to date; the number of projects involved; the number of jobs supported; the percentage of applications approved; the way in which the operation of the fund compares to the initial targets set for it; the future plans for the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34730/17]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount a person currently pays for the cheapest roll your own tobacco product (RYO) and the cheapest pack of cigarettes in a shop; his views on whether the minimum RYO pack size of 30g will likely lead to increased illicit RYO products on the black market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [33599/17]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the seven year capital gains tax exemption introduced in budget 2012 is holding back the disposal of sites for development; if he has considered proposals for introducing a measure to reduce the holding period on these sites to four years; and the approximate costs for doing this in budget 2018. — Barry Cowen. [33637/17]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties acquired during the period from 7 December 2011 to 31 December 2014 that are potentially subject to the seven year capital gains tax exemption under section 604A of the Finance Act. — Barry Cowen. [33638/17]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the current operation of the non resident aggregation relief tax credit; his views on whether it operates fairly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [33650/17]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to contact between the government and the European Commission relating to the illegal state aid complaint made by the Commission by property developers in respect of NAMA; if his department has provided all information requested by the Commission; when he expects an outcome to the complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33681/17]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered introducing alleviation or relief through the tax system in respect of the costs incurred by certain employees that have to travel long distances to and from work each day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33716/17]



\*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of activate capital; the amount of funding provided each year since its creation to residential construction projects; the number of residential housing units provided per year since its creation; the number of projects currently in construction; his views on whether the State can do more to ensure the construction sector has access to finance to build the required homes and office accommodation around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33755/17]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgage holders in receipt of tax relief at source in 2017; the cost of such relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33756/17]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons by month that have applied to the declined insurance agreement administered by a company (details supplied) for the past six years; the number of applications that were rejected in the same timeframe; the average premium per year for successful applicants to the declined insurance agreement, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33759/17]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the issue of VAT exemptions for charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33760/17]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times to date in 2017 the working group on the rising cost of motor insurance has met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33761/17]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times the working group on insurance costs has met in relation to phase 2 on employer and public liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33762/17]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a quarter 2 update on the working group action plan to tackle the rising cost of motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33763/17]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the introduction of a large philanthropic and charitable donations scheme whereby the donor receives the tax relief directly; the estimated cost of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33764/17]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the introduction of an inheritance tax relief for inheritances to charitable and philanthropic organisations; the estimated cost of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33765/17]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the report due from his department on providing options on possible exemptions for land used for solar and renewable energy purposes in calculating agricultural relief for capital acquisition tax as agreed at the committee stage of the Finance Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33766/17]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax expenditure associated with research and development tax credits in each of the years 2012 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33767/17]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the interest the Revenue Commissioners levied and collected from the late payment of tax liabilities, by tax category, in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33768/17]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the fees his department has paid to third parties relating to a possible flotation of a bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33769/17]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have concluded its investigation into the tax affairs of medical consultants; the lessons learned for tax compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33770/17]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects to receive an interim and final dividend from the special liquidator of IBRC; the amount of the expected dividend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33771/17]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies in the Central Bank; the departments these vacancies are in; the length of time these vacancies have been open, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33772/17]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new positions made available in the Central Bank specifically to deal with Brexit; the types of new roles created; the number of vacancies left to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33773/17]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employees in his department specifically dedicated to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33774/17]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies in his department; the areas these vacancies are in; the length of time these vacancies have been open, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33775/17]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employees working in his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33776/17]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff vacancies in the enforcement section of the Central Bank; the specific roles that are vacant; if the vacancies are in the enforcement advisory section or the enforcement investigations section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33777/17]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of firms found to be unauthorised by the Central Bank for the services they provided; if they were financial services providers, collective investment schemes, payment services agents, moneylenders or other types service; if the firms were credit servicing firms; if the firms own or owned mortgage loans or credit agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33778/17]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of financial institutions found to be unauthorised by the Central Bank each year for the past six years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33779/17]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the yield from inheritance tax in each of the years 2011 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33780/17]



\*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate number of inheritance cases that resulted in a liability for capital acquisitions tax in each of the years 2011 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33781/17]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of agricultural relief, business relief, favoured nephew status and dwelling house relief against capital acquisitions tax; the number of claims received for each of these schemes in each of years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33782/17]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of residential mortgages here that are classified as sub prime; the number of sub prime lenders currently operating in the market; the value of sub prime mortgages outstanding; the rate of arrears on these mortgages; the actions specific to the sub prime sector which are being taken to address arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33783/17]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of a bank's (details supplied) residential mortgages sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33784/17]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and overall value of a bank's (details supplied) buy to let mortgages sold by the special liquidator; the details of each transaction including the identity of the purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33785/17]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of rent receivers appointed to date in 2017 in respect of buy to let properties for each of the State supported banks; the number of buy to let properties affected by such appointments; the number of rent receivers expected to be appointed over the remainder of 2016; the detail of the operation of the rent receivers; the impact on the tenants concerned; the government's policy on the appointment of rent receivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33786/17]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount and purpose of public funding that has been required to date by the credit union sector; the amount collected from credit unions by way of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33787/17]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of credit unions which have been approved and declined respectively for additional services in the past five years; the number of applications ongoing; and the length of time it takes on average from preliminary application stage to full approval. — Michael McGrath. [33788/17]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross contribution Ireland has made to the European Union budget per annum from 2010 to 2016; the estimated contribution in 2017; the net benefit or contribution made in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33790/17]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate cost of reducing VAT on professional fees in the construction sector. — Barry Cowen. [33986/17]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate cost of reducing VAT on professional fees on residential construction only and not on commercial or industrial construction. — Barry Cowen. [33987/17]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate cost of allowing local property tax as an allowable expense for the purposes of rental income relief. — Barry Cowen. [33988/17]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate cost of abolishing section 48 development levies in budget 2018 if the government was to cover the shortfall in local authority budgets. — Barry Cowen. [33989/17]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the approximate cost of abolishing section 48 development levies in budget 2018, if the government was to cover the shortfall in local authority budgets just for new apartment buildings. — Barry Cowen. [33990/17]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Finance if developers can avail of both the development contribution rebate scheme and the help to buy scheme simultaneously. — Barry Cowen. [33991/17]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34032/17]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34067/17]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that are subject to USC with income over €70,044. — Pearse Doherty. [34090/17]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that are subject to USC. — Pearse Doherty. [34091/17]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that are exempt from USC. — Pearse Doherty. [34092/17]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that paid USC in 2016 and are expected to pay in 2017. — Pearse Doherty. [34093/17]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure equality of treatment for self employed persons by removing the 3% USC surcharge. — Robert Troy. [34137/17]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the pre budget submission by a group (details supplied) with a view to introducing measures in the 2018 budget which will support the retail sector that is facing many challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [34138/17]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that paid the domicile levy that were tax exiles; his views on whether this levy ensures that tax exiles pay a fair proportion of tax here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34154/17]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the financial pressure being experienced by livestock markets as a result of rocketing insurance costs; the steps his department is taking to address the rising costs of insurance for marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34192/17]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of inheritance tax collected in each of the past five years for each of the bands A, B and C, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34202/17]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce the inheritance tax burden for immediate family in bands A and B. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34203/17]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of reducing the life assurance exit tax from 41% to 39%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34205/17]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of reducing DIRT from 39% to 37%; the cost of reducing the life assurance exit tax from 41% to 37%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34206/17]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of increasing the lifetime limit for CGT entrepreneur relief to €1 million, €5 million, €10 million and €15 million, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34207/17]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year tax yield from equalising the tax on diesel with the tax on petrol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34208/17]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of increasing the single and widowed marginal tax band to €33,900, €34,900, €35,900, €36,900, €37,900 and €38,900, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34209/17]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of increasing the married one income marginal tax band to €42,900, €43,900, €44,900, €45,900, €46,900 and €47,900, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34210/17]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of increasing the married two income marginal tax band to €67,800, €68,800, €69,800, €70,800, €71,800 and €72,800, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34211/17]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the first year cost of deferring income tax on share based remuneration for employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34212/17]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the first year cost of deferring income tax on share based remuneration for employees of small and medium sized enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34213/17]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost or yield from merging the first band of USC below €12,012 with the second band of USC from €12,012 to €18,772 at a rate 0.5%, 1%, 1.5%, 2% and 2.5% respectively leaving all else equal with USC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34214/17]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of complaints that have been made in each of the past four years in respect of travel insurance products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34250/17]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of credible bidders identified by NAMA in each of the off market loan sales with a total value of €795 million conducted on foot of the agency receiving legal or commercial advice to do so; the number of such loans conducted for this reason since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34251/17]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if NAMA has completed the process of the compiling of off market loan sales carried out between 2010 and 2013; if so, when the records will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34252/17]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons paying the 8% rate of USC in each year since it was introduced; the yield in each year from the 8% rate; the estimated revenue loss from reducing the rate to 5% and 4% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34253/17]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons paying the 11% rate of USC in each year since it was introduced; the yield in each year from the 11% rate; the estimated revenue loss from reducing the rate to 5% and 4% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34254/17]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if all customers incorrectly denied a tracker rate, including those that were effected prior to 2013, will be compensated by their respective lenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34256/17]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated compensation and redress bill banks will have to meet to rectify the issue in relation to persons incorrectly removed from their tracker rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34257/17]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if the estimated €3 billion surplus due to be paid to the State by NAMA can be spent outside of fiscal rules; if it must be used to reduce the national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34258/17]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the policy initiative the government plans to put forward in order to counter the volatility caused by Brexit and the subsequent exchange rate volatility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34260/17]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the current rate of duty applicable to car imports from Japan; the way this will change following the EU Japanese trade deal; the impact of the deal for EU consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34261/17]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions his department and bodies under the aegis of his department have taken in response to each of the relevant recommendations of the report of the Joint Committee of Inquiry into the Banking Crisis. — Róisín Shortall. [34264/17]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount reported by insurance companies to the Central Bank as having been paid out on motor insurance claims for each of the years 2011 to 2016 inclusive; if the Central Bank has data on the number of claims the total payouts relate to; the value

of premium receipts for the years in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34282/17]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the action being taken to impose a limit on the rate of interest charged by moneylenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34286/17]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the special liquidation of IBRC; the portfolio that is remaining; the current estimate of the timeframe; the estimated financial outturn from the liquidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34287/17]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the planned wind up of NAMA; the portfolio that is remaining; the current estimate of the timeframe; the estimated financial outturn from the wind up of NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34288/17]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of residential mortgages here that are classified as sub prime; the number of sub prime lenders currently operating in the market; the value of sub prime mortgages outstanding; the rate of arrears on these mortgages; the actions specific to the sub prime sector which are being taken to address arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34291/17]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions his department and bodies under the aegis of his department have taken in response to each of the relevant recommendations of the Interim Report on the Committee of Public Account's examination of bank stabilisation measures. — Róisín Shortall. [34315/17]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if his department has produced a debt and mental health evidence form as recommended by the mental health commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34412/17]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the protection of vulnerable consumers in the financial sector; the position regarding the production of good practice guidelines for the financial sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34413/17]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if any bilateral arrangements exists with Australia whereby a refund of income tax paid could be made to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34433/17]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the State's shareholding in a bank (details supplied) prior to the banks rights issue in July 2011. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34503/17]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of the State's shares in a bank (details supplied) which were sold to North American Investors in July 2011. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34504/17]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by applying the standard rate of VAT of 23% to financial services. — Ruth Coppinger. [34514/17]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by imposing a 5% wealth tax on the top 1% wealthiest households. — Ruth Coppinger. [34515/17]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by imposing a 2% wealth tax on the top 5% wealthiest households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34516/17]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by imposing a 2% millionaire's tax on net assets exceeding €1 million. — Ruth Coppinger. [34517/17]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by increasing stamp duty on commercial property to 6%. — Ruth Coppinger. [34518/17]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by introducing a financial transactions tax of 0.1% on securities and 0.01% on derivatives as recommended by the European Commission. — Ruth Coppinger. [34519/17]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of USC that was raised annually for each year since its introduction from employees' wages, self-employed income and unearned income such as rent, respectively; and the estimated amounts likely to accrue from each in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form. — Ruth Coppinger. [34520/17]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the USC in 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34521/17]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the USC on employee wages in 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34522/17]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the USC on single employee wages under €100,000 in 2017 and on couples earning less than €150,000. — Ruth Coppinger. [34523/17]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by increasing the effective rate of corporation tax to the effective rate of income taxation, PAYE and USC for workers on the median wage. — Ruth Coppinger. [34524/17]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by doubling the rate of corporation tax to 25% for 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34525/17]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by doubling the rate of corporation tax to 25% on profits in excess of €800,000 for 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34526/17]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by doubling the rate of corporation tax to 25%, for companies liable for over €100,000 in corporation tax for 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34527/17]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by increasing capital gains tax to 40%. — Ruth Coppinger. [34528/17]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost since 2008 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to landlords on commercial and residential rental income, broken down into commercial and residential rental income. — Ruth Coppinger. [34529/17]



\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised from imposing a 2% public health levy on the profits of private human health and pharmaceutical companies here, including nursing homes and home care agencies. — Ruth Coppinger. [34530/17]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by applying a financial activities tax as proposed by the IMF. — Ruth Coppinger. [34531/17]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost since 2008 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to property developers, property owners and land owners. — Ruth Coppinger. [34532/17]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that will be paid in interest and in repayment of the principal on the national debt in each of the years 2017 to 2021. — Ruth Coppinger. [34533/17]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that will be paid in interest and in repayment of the principal on the general government debt in each of the years 2017 to 2021. — Ruth Coppinger. [34534/17]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount it would cost to abolish the universal social charge for all incomes under €100,000 and maintain it as it is for those on over €100,000. — Ruth Coppinger. [34535/17]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the net effect for the State of the abolition of the universal social charge in circumstances (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [34536/17]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated net cost and revenue from abolishing the universal social charge and simultaneously introducing a high earners social charge comprised of levying the current rates of universal social charge on the first €100,000 of income and introducing an additional higher marginal rate of income tax (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [34537/17]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of rental income declared to the Revenue Commissioners for each year since 2011 by commercial and residential rents. — Ruth Coppinger. [34538/17]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated value of the remaining overseas properties on NAMA's books. — Ruth Coppinger. [34539/17]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the net cost of abolishing the local property tax and replacing it with a landlords tax for second and subsequent properties based on existing rates of local property tax plus an additional €600 for the second property and €1,000 on all subsequent properties. — Ruth Coppinger. [34540/17]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2018 of abolishing the local property tax. — Ruth Coppinger. [34547/17]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue raised from taxation of rental income for each year since 2011 by commercial and residential rents. — Ruth Coppinger. [34548/17]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of outstanding commercial property loans owed to Irish banks; and the Irish banks in which the State has a shareholding. — Ruth Coppinger. [34546/17]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34542/17]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34543/17]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost of the knowledge development box for each year since it was introduced; and the estimated cost for 2017 and 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34549/17]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the regulatory differences between REITs, QIFs and QIAIFs; the number of QIAIFs in operation here; the date of commencement of each; the country of origin of each; the value of commercial and residential property held by each QIAIF; the estimated annual rental income collected; the net value of tax collected annually net of withholding tax refunds since their introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34613/17]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the impact of the Finance Act 2016 on the operation of QIAIFs, including but not limited to the impact on taxes paid; if the changes were retrospective; if they apply to QIAIFs in existence prior to the operation of the Finance Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34638/17]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the scheme for primary medical certificates and expand the scheme for persons that have been diagnosed with severe autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34706/17]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 292 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34847/17]

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

\*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will commence a programme of decentralisation of government departments throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33897/17]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a project (details supplied); when this project is likely to proceed to construction stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34622/17]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has satisfied himself with the guidelines available to SMEs to access State procurement contracts. — Niall Collins. [34712/17]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will prioritise increasing the budget to the Department of Social Protection in budget 2018, in view of the fact that many payments are still behind the rate they were in 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31474/17]



\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34037/17]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34072/17]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of car parking spaces that are being provided by both the public and civil service in Dublin city. — Robert Troy. [34120/17]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief works including detailed expenditure and plans in the County Louth and east County Meath areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34164/17]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of proposals for a voluntary home relocation scheme for domestic dwellings affected by flooding and unable to receive insurance cover or adequate remedial works; the number of homes due to be covered by the scheme; the amount due to be allocated; the timeframe of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34229/17]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a voluntary farm building relocation scheme due to flooding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34230/17]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the trial on lowering water levels in Lough Allen undertaken by the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-ordination Working Group; if there are legal or statutory impediments to such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34231/17]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the interdepartmental flood policy coordination group in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34232/17]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the establishment and operation of the national flood forecasting and warning service unit; the number of staff employed in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34233/17]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of meetings held by the River Shannon coordination group in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34234/17]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding put aside for the pilot scheme of individual home protection measures; the amount of money drawn down; the timeframe for a decision on the future of the pilot scheme's national rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34235/17]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the minor works flood scheme review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34236/17]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Office of Public Works' work on riparian rights landowners legal obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34239/17]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question number 98 of 5 July 2017, the location of the three sites involved; if there is current up to date planning permission in each of these; the annual income received in each of these since the equipment was installed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34310/17]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his department has conducted an up to date assessment of the impact that the uncertainty regarding Brexit will have on PEACE funds which are an important investment in border areas, both north and south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34321/17]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34402/17]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34604/17]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34605/17]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if projects are to be funded by his department in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2017 (details supplied); if so, the specific projects and the funding per project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34656/17]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question number 387 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34850/17]

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

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address the situation whereby a teacher is hired on a fixed term contract but is listed as a substitute teacher on their payslip (details supplied) without receiving the pay and conditions of a substitute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33592/17]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding provided to organisations engaged in lifelong learning in 2017; the amount targeted at learners over 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [33640/17]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure more regulation in the beauty industry (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33642/17]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe and commencement date for the replacement school building for a school (details supplied); if the funding is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33644/17]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new school building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33652/17]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the expected new ASD unit for a school (details supplied) will commence construction on site in Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [33691/17]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an appeal for a school (details supplied) in relation to the provision for an SNA for September 2017. — Mary Butler. [33694/17]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 94 of 14 December 2016, the position regarding some ETB teachers that are being paid their holiday payment in arrears; if there have been developments in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33741/17]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to circular 0032/17, the number of schools that have indicated to his department that they intend to implement the measures outlined for September 2018; the way in which his department plans to ensure implementation of the circular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33742/17]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date of the submission of the updated action plan under the judgement by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33743/17]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of capital and current expenditure on the school book grant schemes over each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33744/17]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has requested a technical study on the operation of a student loan scheme; if this study has been commissioned; the person by whom the study is being carried out; the date of completion of the study; the terms of reference of the study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33745/17]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of concessionary applications for school transport for the 2017/2018 school year by county; the number of which are new applications, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33746/17]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date upon which parents will be informed of the decision in relation to school transport for the 2017/2018 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33747/17]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications that were made under the reasonable accommodation scheme for certificate examinations for the 2017 sittings; the number that were decided by the school; the number of applications that were determined by the State Examinations Commission; the number that were successful and unsuccessful, by junior cert and leaving cert figures; the number of instances whereby additional information in the form of professional reports or assessments were required in support of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33748/17]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the 2017 target of 800 new apprenticeship registrations and 15 new apprenticeships will be met in September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33749/17]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in the development of the 15 new apprenticeship schemes for intake in September 2017; the details of the new apprenticeships; the number of places available on each; the date on which each will be open for application; if applications have been made to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33750/17]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department has put in place a student accommodation strategy as outlined in Rebuilding Ireland; the date on which this strategy will be published; the actions that will be undertaken to alleviate the student accommodation crisis in Autumn 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33751/17]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the allocations of SNA will be made. — Robert Troy. [33792/17]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the application for capital funding for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33894/17]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33901/17]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34030/17]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address an issue relating to cyber safety (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34042/17]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress over the past fourteen months by his department to accelerate early assessment and intervention for children with special needs. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34047/17]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34065/17]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a standardised appointment procedures and guideline for boards of management in teacher recruitment for post primary jobs across the range of secondary schools excluding VECs; the appeals procedures for unsuccessful candidates; the reason secondary schools are not subject to national recruitment and national panels similar to other sectors for permanent positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34094/17]

\*292. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a cheadófar cóiríocht shealadach do scoil (sonraí tugtha) lena húsáid fad a bheidh oibreacha móra ar bun ar an scoil féin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34156/17]

\*293. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a cheadófar rang speisialta i scoil (sonraí tugtha) do dhaltaí le huathachas, ar rang é a bhfuil iarratas déanta air; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34157/17]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for funding for prefab replacement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34226/17]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mental health and counselling positions in the secondary level education system; and the annual cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [34278/17]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 457 of 20 June 2017, his plans to establish an independent enquiry into matters that were brought to light by a certain programme; his views on whether many questions remain unanswered surrounding the purchase of a specific institute by a specific college; if his attention was drawn to the unfunded pension obligation to the former CEO of the specific institute; the reason this was not reported as a pension liability; the knowledge his department had of the self funding loan raised by the specific college for the purchase of the specific institute; and the way that loan might be repaid. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [34280/17]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to funding for the new build of a school (details supplied); if it is still included in the primary schools building programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34306/17]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to a school (details supplied); when his department will purchase this site; when the funds will be made available to enable the school building to progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34307/17]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether amendments are required to the planning legislation to enable schools in conjunction with local planning authorities, to introduce no fry zones or healthy eating zones in the vicinity of their schools; and his views on no fry zones around schools. — Thomas Byrne. [34326/17]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether food high in fat, sugar and salt should be removed from vending machines in schools; if his attention has been drawn to the percentage of schools that have vending machines in their schools; and his further views on whether schools are using these machines to make up for shortfalls in their budgets as a result of inadequate capitation grants. — Thomas Byrne. [34327/17]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to put in place a national catering standard for secondary schools to provide healthy eating in school cafeterias. — Thomas Byrne. [34328/17]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is not acceptable that in 40% of schools there is no access to free drinking water; his further views on whether there

should be access to free drinking water in all schools; and the estimated amount of investment required to ensure access to free drinking water in all schools. — Thomas Byrne. [34329/17]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his department's expenditure on ICT in schools in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [34330/17]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of fully restoring the ex-quota guidance counsellor provision in budget 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [34331/17]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of its total allocation under the Capital Investment Plan 2016 to 2021 his department has spent to date; and the projects on which the capital investment has been made. — Thomas Byrne. [34332/17]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated amount of routine or steady State capital investment that is estimated to be required at each institute of technology from 2018 to 2021. — Thomas Byrne. [34333/17]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding allocated from his department to the programme for research in third level institutions in 2016/2017 and 2017/2018; the estimated amount of matching funding from either private sector sources or other State or EU sources the funding has attracted since 2012 and specifically, in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. — Thomas Byrne. [34334/17]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date on which the 300 hours of mental health classes to be provided to students in schools will commence as announced by the Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People on 3 December 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34389/17]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional funding will be acquired to address the lack of space within a school (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34390/17]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which mental health is incorporated into education and learning among primary school children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34392/17]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the springboard plus initiative's lack of consideration for areas with high unemployment, as referenced in the south east economic monitor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34406/17]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the lack of higher education places, according to the 2017 economic monitor is contributing to a regional brain drain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34407/17]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the types of education schemes that are available to young persons with learning disabilities and mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34408/17]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a school (detail supplied) in Wexford town once its new building has been constructed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34411/17]



\*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the secondary schools in County Wexford that have ASD units situated on the school's location; the number of students catered by each unit in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34417/17]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the amount of ASD units in County Wexford primary and secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34418/17]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the amount of ASD units in County Wexford secondary schools to meet the rise in demand in view of the fact that pupils in need of ASD education will soon move from primary to second level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34419/17]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio at primary level by one point at primary in budget 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [34492/17]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of reducing average class sizes to 23 at primary level in budget 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [34493/17]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a site has been finalised for the establishment of the new primary school in Ballincollig, County Cork, due to open in September 2017; and if so, the location. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34500/17]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the annual cost of restoring grants for postgraduate education and paying the back to education allowance to all postgraduate students that need it. — Ruth Coppinger. [34550/17]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost to the State of abolishing the student contribution charge for third level education. — Ruth Coppinger. [34551/17]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost to the State of abolishing fees for postgraduate courses. — Ruth Coppinger. [34552/17]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the annual cost of abolishing undergraduate and postgraduate fees in view of the reduced tax expenditures on tax relief on tuition fees. — Ruth Coppinger. [34553/17]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of reversing all the cuts to school capitation grants since 2008. — Ruth Coppinger. [34554/17]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of reversing all cuts to student grants over the past nine years. — Ruth Coppinger. [34555/17]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34556/17]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34557/17]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of reducing pupil teacher ratio to 1:18. — Ruth Coppinger. [34558/17]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of reversing the cuts to guidance teachers. — Ruth Coppinger. [34559/17]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated annual cost of introducing a comprehensive universal programme of sex education in all schools. — Ruth Coppinger. [34560/17]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of meetings he or his officials have had with senior members of the Catholic Church or Catholic patrons bodies in regard to school divestment or school admissions and enrolment since coming to office. — Thomas Byrne. [34624/17]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the summer works scheme application by a school (details supplied); when decisions on applications for the summer works scheme will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34657/17]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reconsider the application for temporary accommodation by a school (details supplied) with a view to increasing the funding allocation in line with original sum requested for urgent works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34658/17]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the concerns of many parents and a group (details supplied) with respect to the lack of transparency in the decision making process regarding patronage of schools in which church interests seem to have precedence over parents' wishes as evidenced by the recent decision to sanction the transfer of a school (details supplied) for a community national school contrary to the express wishes of parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34673/17]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a written policy within his department that defines which religions are deemed minority; and if not, the way in which his Department decide eligibility regarding ethos as part of the application; and the way in which children of no religion are considered under the scheme, in view of the fact that the education transport scheme for second level states that eligibility is granted 'with regards to ethos to allow for transport for minority religions. — Róisín Shortall. [34705/17]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the spend on apprenticeship training in 2016 and the allocation for 2017; the breakdown of male and female apprentices in training by each employment sector and sub sector in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34713/17]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34749/17]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34750/17]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34751/17]



\*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will confirm that a school (details supplied) will retain their third teacher when school restarts in September, 2017. — Robert Troy. [34752/17]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will grant an application for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34753/17]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will give the authority to the Westmeath Longford Education Training Boards to release the proceeds from the sale of the Castlepollard CC for reinvestment in the region. — Robert Troy. [34754/17]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 318 of 2 May, 2017 the way in which they may be affected with the rollout of the general allocation model for resource hours. — Robert Troy. [34755/17]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is a scheme available where old portacabins previously used in schools are now being leased or given to groups (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34756/17]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his departments land purchaser budget each year for the past five years; and the number of sites that have been acquired each year. — Robert Troy. [34757/17]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the percentage of third level places taken up by international students. — Robert Troy. [34758/17]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a decision to provide a special class in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34804/17]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his policy and preparations for the fact that there are currently 345,550 secondary school pupils here excluding PLC students and 583 secondary schools excluding PLC courses and that according to the Department of Education and Skills this figure will increase (details supplied); his plans to increase school places and ensure the provision of green space for these schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34840/17]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the fact that one in four children are overweight or obese; his guidelines for the provision of green space for urban schools in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34841/17]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has sought legal advice on the constitutionality of his plans to alter religious discrimination in school admissions announced in the Committee on Education and Skills in July 2017; the details of that advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34842/17]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 540 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TD that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34851/17]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide the technical assessment of a site to the principal of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34873/17]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be made available to a school (details supplied) to facilitate its move to a campus and ensure the school has the required IT provision for September 2017. — Catherine Martin. [34874/17]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the average cost of establishing a new autism spectrum disorder unit or special class in a mainstream post secondary school. — Thomas Byrne. [34875/17]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new multi denominational and or non denominational schools that have been established since 2012; the year they began taking in students; if they are in permanent or temporary accommodation; the patron of each; and if their buildings were transferred from another patron. — Thomas Byrne. [34876/17]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to undertake another parental demand survey to assess levels of demand in each area for multi non denominational schools; the areas in which there was deemed to be a high parental demand for multi non denominational schools in the last survey; the level of demand identified; and if this demand has been fulfilled or not. — Thomas Byrne. [34877/17]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether there is a potential conflict of interest in his new reconfiguration plan for patronage divestment (details supplied); the arrangements his department has in place to mitigate the effects of conflicts of interest. — Thomas Byrne. [34878/17]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether his department's policy of not allowing educate together schools to establish using temporary accommodation at an initial stage unless there is an expectation that a State owned building will be available to move into in the area in the short term is unnecessary and is significantly delaying the rollout of educate together schools across the country to areas of low patron diversity and high parental demand. — Thomas Byrne. [34879/17]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if under the new School Admissions Bill 2016 he will have powers to direct selected schools to operate an admissions policy which is positively discriminatory towards certain groups deemed to be excluded, such as children from traveller backgrounds or from homeless households; and if not, the reason he is of the view such a provision should not be inserted into the Bill. — Thomas Byrne. [34880/17]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost for reintroducing the modern languages in primary school programme in budget 2018 and for a national rollout of the programme. — Thomas Byrne. [34882/17]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost for fully reintroducing the postgraduate grants; and the cost of reintroducing postgraduate grants for those eligible for grant rates part maintenance 75% and part maintenance 50%. — Thomas Byrne. [34883/17]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of postgraduates that have been provided financial assistance under the student grant scheme in each of the years since 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Thomas Byrne. [34884/17]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the ratio of special needs assistants to pupils in mainstream classes at primary level; and the ratio for SNAs to pupils in mainstream schools at post primary in each of the years 1998 to 2016 and to date in 2017 by county, in tabular form.. — Thomas Byrne. [34885/17]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the ratio of resource teachers and learning support teachers to pupils in mainstream classes at primary level; and the ratio for resource teachers and learning support teachers to pupils in mainstream schools at post primary in each of the years 1998 to 2016 and to date in 2017 by county and by Dublin post code, in tabular form. — Thomas Byrne. [34886/17]

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

\*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the government is maintaining its assertion of ownership to Lough Foyle; the recent engagements he has had with Britain and Northern Ireland on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34277/17]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the detail of the unallocated spend within his department for 2017; the detail of expenditure allocated to programmes in 2017 which are due to cease in 2017; the spend which will become available within his department's expenditure profile in 2018 due to changes in demand for services and goods and or changes to costs within his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [33588/17]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34033/17]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34068/17]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the decision to reduce electricity supply to the Gaza Strip which OCHA has warned will have disastrous consequences for the welfare of Gaza's residents; if he has raised this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34075/17]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of actions arising from the EU Ombudsman report on unpaid internships in the European External Action Service with his EU colleagues; if he will recommend action on the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34243/17]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the outcome of discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties in Stormont in relation to the urgent need to have the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34506/17]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to have further engagement with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the political parties in Stormont during July 2017 in relation to the urgent need to have the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34507/17]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to meet with representatives of civic society organisations in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34508/17]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and or the British Foreign Secretary the need for the British government to respond positively to the unanimous requests of Dáil Éireann to provide access to papers and files pertaining to the Dublin Monaghan bombings of 1974; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34509/17]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34602/17]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34603/17]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps his department will take following the most recent postponement of the trial of an Irish citizen (details supplied) detained abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34811/17]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34812/17]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps that have been taken by the government to advance the Middle East peace talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34813/17]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of new passports that have been issued in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34814/17]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the North South Ministerial Council. — Seán Haughey. [31456/17]

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

\*383. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason it is taking so long for a person (details supplied) to receive a working visa here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33597/17]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of disqualified drivers that were caught driving while they should have been off the road in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [34145/17]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the government will reciprocate with Australia with the new working visa system and bring it into line with the new Australian regulations allowing for persons to visit Australia on a working visa up to the age of 35 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33643/17]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which plans are progressing for the relocation of Clonmel garda station to the former Kickham Army barracks site in Clonmel; the timeframe for the relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33707/17]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drug seizures in each Dublin metropolitan garda district in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the quantity, type and value of drug seizures involved. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33794/17]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of different instances in which counterfeit euro notes have been seized by or have come into the possession of An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the total notional value of euros involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33795/17]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average waiting times persons are experiencing in receiving free legal aid broken down by category such as family law, repossessions and so on; the actions he will take to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33796/17]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners currently on temporary release, by prison; the type of offence the prisoners were convicted of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33797/17]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of outstanding warrants nationwide on the PULSE system; his views on the number of outstanding warrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33798/17]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons currently supervised in the community under a post release supervision order under Part 5 of the Sex Offenders Act 2001; the number of persons currently in breach of conditions under this Part; the number of cases pending; the number of convictions; if he will provide a regional breakdown of these figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33799/17]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of probation officers currently stationed in each county; the corresponding figures for the same date in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33800/17]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda reserves in each garda division; and the number for the same date in 2016. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33801/17]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33903/17]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34036/17]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34071/17]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on new investment in CCTV in 2017; and the garda divisions in which new CCTV facilities are either being directly provided or their provision is being supported during the year. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34082/17]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the review of the boundaries of garda districts and the dispersement of garda stations. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34083/17]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been caught driving while over the legal alcohol limit in the category 50 to 80 mg in view of the €200 fine and three penalty points in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [34127/17]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to allow gardaí to hire civilian staff in order to facilitate redeployment of gardaí to front line duties; and if he will consider a business case made by Mullingar garda station for same. — Robert Troy. [34146/17]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he will sanction the necessary funding to carry out the much needed renovation for Castlepollard garda station. — Robert Troy. [34147/17]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to expand the office of the Data Protection Commissioner over 2018 (details supplied). — James Lawless. [34191/17]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the implementation of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015; the timeframe for future commencements under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34242/17]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the EU ESTA proposal; if he has discussed it with his UK counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [34246/17]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a new chair of the Valuations Office was appointed without the post being advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34262/17]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason appointments to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal have not been made; when he expects appointments to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34263/17]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the minimum age of persons to be able to place a bet at the tote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34273/17]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to interest applying to a judgment mortgage; if a judgment mortgage lapses after a period of time; the steps the creditor



can take to enforce the asset the subject of the judgment mortgage; the rights of the borrower in this matter; the value of judgment mortgages against the family home at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34284/17]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the volume and value of heroin seizures in Cork city and county for each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and his plans in relation to this growing problem. — Michael McGrath. [34295/17]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda reservists in the Wexford garda division in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — James Browne. [34391/17]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and the respective rank of each by county location, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34397/17]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda cars and motorbikes in County Wexford. — James Browne. [34398/17]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí per population based on the latest census figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34399/17]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí per population located in each garda district in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34400/17]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 33 of 30 March 2017, if the garda stations closed in County Wexford are included in the six stations proposed for reopening under the pilot programme report which has since been received by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34420/17]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí stationed in each County Wexford garda station in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — James Browne. [34421/17]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will restore the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34445/17]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will facilitate the provision of a travel assist document to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34446/17]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will use his discretionary powers to upgrade the residency status of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34449/17]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider offering stamp 4 status to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34450/17]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current residency status and eligibility for upgrade in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34451/17]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when stamp 4 status will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34452/17]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if submissions have been received on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34453/17]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will award stamp 4 status to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34454/17]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated annual cost of policing, legal and prison services related to non violent drugs offences. — Ruth Coppinger. [34611/17]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated annual cost of policing, legal and prison services related to drugs offences. — Ruth Coppinger. [34612/17]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if attending a college or other educational institution in the UK would affect a young person's residency status for the purposes of Irish naturalisation provided that young person's family remained resident here throughout that period. — Anne Rabbitte. [34616/17]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to provide additional garda resources to the Cavan/Monaghan division in view of the substantial reduction in garda numbers in this division over recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34621/17]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review the file and issue a full report to a former prison officer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34661/17]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to tackle corruption; his views regarding the recent GRECO report which was critical of Ireland's performance in tackling corruption; if his attention has been drawn to the State's recent slippage in the transparency international corruption perceptions index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34668/17]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to open up access to the legal services profession and increase diversity of background amongst solicitors and barristers; if he has considered reforming the practice of devilling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34680/17]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the scope of the examination of the 1993 EU directive on unfair contract terms in consumer contracts which his predecessor had previously stated his department was undertaking in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General; if he will report on the outcome of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34682/17]



\*434. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has reviewed the application of the 1993 EU directive on unfair contract terms in consumer contracts within the courts in view of recent criticism; if he or any representative of his department has discussed this matter with the presidents of the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34683/17]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress his department has made in doubling the garda reserve, as promised in the programme for partnership government; the timeline for completing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34686/17]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the civilianisation of An Garda Síochána as promised in the programme for partnership government; the timeline for completing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34687/17]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to a recent map produced by an organisation (details supplied) and Ireland's comparatively low ranking compared to other western European countries; his plans to improve this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34688/17]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects work on the LGBT inclusion strategy to commence; the timeline for its completion; the scope of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34692/17]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of the most recent figures for the number of traffic corps in each garda division, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34792/17]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the provision of remote access to information and technology to garda members; if this is in place for all members; and if it is available on a mobile basis. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34793/17]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the enterprise content management system initiative in An Garda Síochána; and if this initiative is now complete. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34794/17]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the investigation management initiative in An Garda Síochána; if the proposed development of a new system to enable the electronic management and tracking of all investigation tasks and processes will be complete by the end of 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34795/17]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the offender management initiative in An Garda Síochána; and if it will be complete before the end of September 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34796/17]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the employee assistance programme in An Garda Síochána; if all employees now have access to 24/7 employee counselling; and the numbers that have availed of it to date in 2017. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34797/17]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the streamlining of Garda headquarters' administrative processes. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34798/17]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the revised policy framework and complete policy audit of An Garda Síochána completed in 2016. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34799/17]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of computer crime investigation units now in place within An Garda Síochána; the location of same; and the number of personnel in each. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34800/17]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the gardaí will be engaging in the joint EU Israeli LAW-TRAIN project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34816/17]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to complaints made against staff of the Baleskin direct provision reception centre; if garda investigations have been undertaken over incidents in the centre; if charges have been laid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34817/17]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the existence of a one acre derelict site to the west of the Arbour Hill prison in Dublin 7 bounded by Cavalry Row to the west and Palatine Square to the north; his plans to make it available for housing purposes to the local authority or the private sector; if the Prison Service has plans to develop the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34833/17]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons caught driving while over the legal alcohol limit with blood alcohol limits between 80 to 100 mg; the number that were disqualified from driving; the number of persons with blood alcohol limit in excess of 100 mg in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [34887/17]

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

\*452. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the details on a renovation scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [33589/17]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33598/17]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the timeframe for management plans to be published for Glenveagh, Burren, Connemara and Ballycroy National Parks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34838/17]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the further information which was required with an application for CLÁR funding for a group (details supplied); and if he will allow this information to be submitted at this stage and re-examine the application. — Robert Troy. [33630/17]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs when staff will be hired in national parks (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33634/17]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs further to parliamentary question number 776 of 17 January 2017, if the updated strategic rhododendron management plan has been finalised; her views on the fact that the spread of rhododendron is accelerating faster than current resources can combat and is seriously threatening the indigenous natural flora and fauna of Killarney National Park; if she will increase resources and funding to ensure that the national park is protected for the enjoyment of generations to come; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33690/17]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs when the next tranche of LEADER funding will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33898/17]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount of money which was spent by her department in 2016 on external consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33904/17]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the supports she provides for the indigenous film and television production sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33984/17]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her priorities for capital funding for the arts and cultural institutions over the next five years. — Niamh Smyth. [33985/17]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the way her department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34026/17]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the investment by her department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34061/17]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her plans to examine rolling out a scheme whereby community groups can apply for grant assistance to provide community defibrillators. — Robert Troy. [34118/17]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the functions, schemes and responsibilities it is proposed to be transferred to the Department of Community and Rural Affairs from her department; the proposed budget allocation transferring with each; the amount in this regard spent to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34151/17]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount of the capital funding brought forward to 2017 that has been spent to date in 2017, by subhead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34152/17]

\*467. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta an ndéanfaidh sí maoiniú éigeandála a sholáthar le cóiriú a dhéanamh ar bhóithre portaigh sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas, Srath na Bruaí, Slíothán, Mám an tSean Tí agus Loch na nGrianán i nGaoth Dobhair, a ndearna tuilte damáiste dóibh le gairid, á chur i gcuntas go bhfuil corradh le 100 teaghlach nach bhfuil ar a gcumas móin a thabhairt abhaile de bharr staid na mbóithre; cad iad na

pleananna atá aici le feabhas a chur ar na bóithre i mBaile na Finne a ndearnadh damáiste dóibh sna tuilte le gairid; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [34296/17]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason the results from the 2011 census were not included in the methodology employed for the 2016 and 2017 CLÁR application programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34428/17]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34608/17]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34609/17]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if her department will be supporting the Arts Council to move to a longer term funding model for smaller arts organizations as recently discussed in the media. — Niamh Smyth. [34639/17]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health the progress over the past fourteen months by his department to accelerate early assessment and intervention for children with special needs. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34048/17]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that his department assigned in 2016 and to date in 2017 to the nurture programme. — Anne Rabbitte. [34176/17]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health 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]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive will be reviewing its roll your own (RYO) tobacco survey which failed to mention that since May 2017 retailers can only sell a minimum 30g pack of RYO which is more expensive than a pack of cigarettes (details supplied); his views on whether this will likely lead to an increase in smuggled RYO product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [33594/17]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33595/17]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with high dependency patients or persons with complex medical needs for respite care (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33596/17]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33600/17]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33604/17]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds and procedure beds in Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown. — Dessie Ellis. [33605/17]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations and the procedures cancelled from 2009 to date for Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown, in tabular form. — Dessie Ellis. [33606/17]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients outsourced; the procedures for which the patients were outsourced; and the location to which patients were outsourced to from 2009 to present from Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown. — Dessie Ellis. [33607/17]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trollies from 2009 to date in Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown. — Dessie Ellis. [33608/17]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for each hospital department from 2009 to present for Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown. — Dessie Ellis. [33609/17]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances from 2009 to date for Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown. — Dessie Ellis. [33610/17]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health the capital spend for Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33611/17]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health the operational spend at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33612/17]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health the total agency staff spend at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33613/17]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments before cancellations at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33614/17]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health the did-not-attend rate in percentages per year at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33615/17]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health if Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown implements the SDU and HSE guidelines for did not attend. — Dessie Ellis. [33616/17]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health if Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown operates or plans to operate a text alert to persons in advance of outpatient department appointments. — Dessie Ellis. [33617/17]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatres and the number operational at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33618/17]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of persons attending the emergency department aged between 18 to 30, 31 to 45, 46 to 60 and aged 61 and above at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown; and the reason for attending the department by each of these age groups at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2009 to present. — Dessie Ellis. [33619/17]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown in each of the years 2004 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33621/17]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown in each of the years 2004 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33622/17]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown in each of the years 2004 to date. — Dessie Ellis. [33623/17]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the full capacity protocol has been deployed at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown from 2012 to date; the process for implementing this protocol at the hospital; and the effect on wider services at the hospital when it was deployed. — Dessie Ellis. [33624/17]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons whose elective surgery was cancelled or rescheduled more than once in 2016 and to date in 2017 at Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [33625/17]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Health the policy or procedures in place in the accident and emergency department of Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown when an adult, adolescent or child respectively presents with suicidal ideation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [33626/17]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide crisis assessment nurses in Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [33627/17]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Health the psychiatric and mental health services and facilities currently available at the Connolly hospital, Blanchardstown; the number of consultants, specialists and nurses working in these services and facilities; the role of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [33628/17]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the frustrations and difficulties of section 39 disability organisations aligned with section 38 State employees that endured austerity measure cuts and are now facing pay restoration out of their current resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [31348/17]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be called for surgery. — Robert Troy. [33632/17]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Health if a full time contract will be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [33636/17]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a request for full time residential care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33641/17]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health the infection rates at St James's hospital for the period 2005 to 2010. — Louise O'Reilly. [33645/17]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health the infection rates at the Mater hospital for the period 2005 to 2010. — Louise O'Reilly. [33646/17]



\*509. To ask the Minister for Health the infection rates at Tallaght general hospital for the period 2005 to 2010. — Louise O'Reilly. [33647/17]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the home care package application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33648/17]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a drugs payment scheme card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33649/17]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health if the capital submission that has been finalised by Kerry university hospital in respect of a dedicated obstetric theatre is sanctioned for approval and escalation to the acute hospitals division as a matter of urgency in order for consideration of funding by the national estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33653/17]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33692/17]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given an urgent appointment to have a surgical procedure performed in St James's hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33696/17]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address an issue (details supplied) in relation to changes of the blister packs available to older persons in pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33697/17]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in place if a HSE funded charity service provider underspends on its allocated HSE funding within a set time period for example yearly funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33698/17]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided to a youth mental health charity (details supplied) over the past five years respectively, in tabular form; the amount of this money that was spent by the charity each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33699/17]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Health the terms of use for HSE funding to a youth mental health charity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33700/17]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Health the strategic plans and targets his department has in relation to children and youth mental health services for the remainder of 2017 and for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33701/17]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for the CAMHS service in Cherry Orchard hospital in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and from January to June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33702/17]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric nurses, broken down by hospital, that have been employed by the HSE since 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33703/17]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists, broken down by hospital, that have been employed by the HSE since 2012, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33704/17]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists, broken down by hospital, that have been employed by the HSE since 2012, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33705/17]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Health if there is grant aid available for the purchase of a mobility scooter. — Robert Troy. [33717/17]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33724/17]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Health the funding for home help in counties Laois and Offaly over each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33726/17]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are awaiting a home help package in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33727/17]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of home help hours granted in Laois and Offaly over each of the past ten years; the number of persons that have availed of home help hours in these counties for each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33728/17]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the orthodontic service in Tullamore is without staff with no relief cover put in place to cover staff leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33729/17]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for child and adult orthodontic services in counties Laois and Offaly; the number of persons on each waiting list; the number of persons waiting 6 months, one year, 18 months, two years or over two years for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33730/17]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he intends to address the waiting times for orthodontic treatment in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33731/17]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons home help hours have been cut by 27% in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33732/17]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are waiting for respite services in counties Laois and Offaly; the number of persons waiting 6 months, one year, 18 months, two years or two years or more; his plans to address waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33733/17]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE midlands area has submitted a request for additional staff in the area of occupational therapy; if this request will be approved by his department; the timeframe for a decision on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33734/17]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 81 of 22 June 2017, the number of additional staff that have been requested by the HSE midlands area to address the waiting lists in occupational therapy; the costs of providing the posts requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33735/17]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for additional staff made by the HSE midlands area over each of the past ten years; the number of posts sought by grade and division; the number of posts that were approved by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33736/17]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make provision for gambling addiction in the next HSE service plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [33738/17]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that have on site laundries; the number of hospitals that have outsourced laundries since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [33752/17]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of in house laundries per hospital, in tabular form; the cost of outsourcing laundries per hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [33753/17]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's plans to invest and upgrade the boiler house and the laundry at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Drogheda, in view of the near completion of the extension at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [33754/17]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding general practitioners visiting patients on their medical card list in their homes in circumstances in which the person is seriously ill or unable to physically get to the health centre due to a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [33791/17]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places that exist for persons seeking to come off drugs and alcohol; the location of each; the number which are private and public; the number which are for drugs rehabilitation; the number which are for alcohol rehabilitation; the number for dual diagnosis; and the number for men and women respectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [33793/17]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health the drug prevention programmes currently being rolled out in each county; the budgets of each; and the number of persons each engage with. — Peadar Tóibín. [33803/17]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health if transport can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Cork who will be attending an adult day service commencing in September 2017. — Michael McGrath. [33805/17]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that is spent on the provision of methadone; the number of persons in receipt of methadone currently; the number of persons annually that are engaged with methadone programmes that become drug free including methadone free on an annual basis; the amount of money which is spent on the provision of methadone in the

prison service; and the number of persons in receipt of methadone in the prison service. — Peadar Tóibín. [33806/17]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of detox beds that exist for persons seeking to come off drugs and alcohol; the location of each; the number which are private and public; the number which are for drugs detox and alcohol detox; the number for dual diagnosis; and the number for men and women. — Peadar Tóibín. [33807/17]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional 114 assistant psychology posts to deliver rapid access low intensity psychological interventions for young persons that are now in place. — James Browne. [33808/17]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 20 staff grade psychology posts for services for children in geographical areas in which there are inadequate numbers of posts in place that have now been filled. — James Browne. [33809/17]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health if a computerised cognitive behavioural therapy programme for young persons has now been provided. — James Browne. [33810/17]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the posts from the 2015 €35 million funding for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number which have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33811/17]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the posts from the 2016 €35 million funding for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number which have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33812/17]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the posts from the 2017 €15 million funding for mental health; the number of posts this allocation supports; the number which have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33813/17]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a child and adolescent mental health service appointment in each LHO; and the number waiting 0 to 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months and more than 12 months. — James Browne. [33814/17]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health his estimate of the additional resources required to provide the funding necessary for the staffing requirements under A Vision for Change, taking into account demographic changes. — James Browne. [33815/17]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017; the additional or new services being provided in 2017; the funding provided to each; if he will provide a breakdown of the funding by CHO; and the additional posts being provided in each. — James Browne. [33816/17]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new WTE positions the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017 will provide; and the number of positions in categories (details supplied). — James Browne. [33817/17]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the evaluations of all major activities conducted under the aegis of Connecting for Life; and if the findings have been disseminated and

lessons learned shared with programme practitioners and partners on activities that may reduce suicidal behaviours. — James Browne. [33818/17]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the NOSP's development of an outcomes framework to align with Connecting for Life. — James Browne. [33819/17]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the report from national group on specialist perinatal mental health service design; the findings and recommendations of the report; and the timeframe for implementation of recommendations. — James Browne. [33820/17]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health if the draft model of care for early intervention in psychosis has been approved; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33821/17]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health if the standard operating procedure on cognitive behavioural therapy has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33822/17]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health if the standard operating procedure on individual placement support is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33823/17]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional posts recruited and appointed to date in 2017 for the development of the DeafHear national service, in view of commitments made in the 2017 HSE Mental Health Division Operational Plan. — James Browne. [33824/17]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the completion of the model of care for ADHD. — James Browne. [33825/17]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the completion of the model of care for dual diagnosis. — James Browne. [33826/17]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the embedding of the existing 10 jigsaw sites to full capacity and the development of new sites in counties Cork, Dublin and Limerick. — James Browne. [33827/17]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the cross divisional governance arrangements in place for the development of counselling services for persons under 18 years of age in primary care. — James Browne. [33828/17]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity expansion that has taken place in high observation units in Galway, Limerick and Drogheda to date in 2017. — James Browne. [33829/17]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made on the provision of high observation units in counties Donegal and Kerry. — James Browne. [33830/17]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health if a model of care for specialist rehab unit has been agreed with regard to the development of high dependency rehab services for service users with severe illness and complex needs; if a cohort of population for specialist rehab unit has been identified; and if he will provide details of both. — James Browne. [33831/17]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new central mental hospital beds for those admitted under section 21(2) of the Mental Health Act 2001 that have opened to date in 2017. — James Browne. [33832/17]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff appointed to date in 2017 to support the NFS. — James Browne. [33833/17]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on recruitment and establishment of a CAMHS community based forensic mental health team. — James Browne. [33834/17]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health the way the provision of mental health services for persons experiencing homelessness has been expanded in 2017. — James Browne. [33835/17]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health if an agreed ARI contract with each CHO on delivery of programme of education and capacity building to support development of recovery oriented services is now in place. — James Browne. [33836/17]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health if all financial assessments are now completed in accordance with legislative timeframes in relation to the residential support services maintenance and accommodation contributions long stay contributions in each CHO. — James Browne. [33837/17]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of nationally funded mental health agencies; when it was completed; the recommendations and findings; the further action which now arises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33838/17]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the survey of mental health capital stock to scope future infrastructural needs of services; the key findings from the survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33839/17]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the care pathway for MHID patients within the central mental hospital. — James Browne. [33840/17]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to address the significant shortage of clinical space from which community based mental health services can be delivered and to refurbish existing approved centres. — James Browne. [33841/17]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the services available in each county for teenagers that use drugs or that have a drug addiction. — Peadar Tóibín. [33842/17]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progress towards providing financial support for IVF treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [33843/17]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress on legislation to deal with the regulation of surrogacy; the timeframe for this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [33844/17]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the delivery of the primary care education, pathways and research in dementia education programme to primary care teams in collaboration with the dementia office and social care services; the number of sites that have been selected for same; and the location of each. — Mary Butler. [33847/17]



\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care packages currently being provided in each LHO. — Mary Butler. [33848/17]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive home care packages currently being provided in each LHO. — Mary Butler. [33849/17]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours currently being provided in each LHO. — Mary Butler. [33850/17]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults that have been deemed appropriate for treatment for substance use to date in 2017 in each LHO; and the number that have received treatment within one calendar month. — Jack Chambers. [33851/17]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been deemed appropriate for treatment for substance use to date in 2017 in each LHO; and the number that have received treatment within one week. — Jack Chambers. [33852/17]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the services in all CHOs in relation to the person-centred care planning processes of the drugs rehabilitation framework reassessment, key working and care planning. — Jack Chambers. [33853/17]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health service staff that are currently being trained on SAOR screening and brief intervention for problem alcohol and substance use. — Jack Chambers. [33854/17]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new persons that have been granted access to naloxone to date in 2017. — Jack Chambers. [33855/17]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health if regulations to allow for the introduction of buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products have been agreed and introduced. — Jack Chambers. [33856/17]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the working group to progress increased access to buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products. — Jack Chambers. [33857/17]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE training programme for addiction staff, level 2 GPs and pharmacists in relation to buprenorphine naloxone and buprenorphine products. — Jack Chambers. [33858/17]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health the increase in addiction residential treatment beds and additional treatment episodes which has been provided to date in 2017. — Jack Chambers. [33859/17]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of integrated care pathways and referral pathways from pharmacy needle exchange to other agencies. — Jack Chambers. [33860/17]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the expansion of other paraphernalia such as foil within the pharmacy needle exchange programme to allow clients the option of smoking rather than injecting. — Jack Chambers. [33861/17]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the guidelines and strategic statement on hidden harm. — Jack Chambers. [33862/17]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of opioid substitution treatment outside prisons. — Jack Chambers. [33863/17]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time from referral to assessment for opioid substitution treatment. — Jack Chambers. [33864/17]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time from opioid substitution assessment to exit from waiting list or treatment commenced. — Jack Chambers. [33865/17]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the roll out of education resource small changes, big difference and associated health promotion programmes across traveller health units; if these are now complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33866/17]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the training of staff in traveller health units on connecting for life in order that it can be promoted in a culturally appropriate manner to members of the traveller community; if this training is now complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33867/17]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health if traveller health units in traveller sites have been geomapped and aligned with primary care and mental health catchment areas. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33868/17]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of traveller health unit actions and outcomes in relation to the national standards for safer better healthcare has been commissioned; and the timeframe for its completion and publication. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33869/17]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review of the role of traveller community health workers and the issues identified in relation to sustainability of this workforce. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33870/17]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health if a financial audit of traveller services receiving funding from the HSE has been conducted; the findings and recommendations of this audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33871/17]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health if a mobile health screening unit to facilitate access to basic health screening, GP and nursing services by marginalised groups, refugees, asylum seekers and Roma communities has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33872/17]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in each CHO that have received training to date in 2017 on intercultural awareness and practice in health and social care. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33873/17]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has implemented the 2017 prioritised, health related actions in line with national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender based violence, 2016-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33874/17]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE's implementation of the phased health actions from the second national action plan to prevent and combat human trafficking in Ireland. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33875/17]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE's review of current supports to victims of human trafficking as part of the overall efforts towards monitoring provision of services to victims of human trafficking and identify areas for improvement. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33876/17]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health if the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex practice policy has now been implemented in each CHO. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33877/17]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health if each CHO now has traveller coordinators in place in relation to the provision of mental health services for travellers. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [33878/17]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medicines that have had their price reduced as of 1 July 2017 with reference to the framework agreement on the supply and pricing of medicines; the details of each medicine; and the extent of the price cut. — John Brassil. [33879/17]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if online PCRS processing has now been extended to dentists and clinical dental technicians. — John Brassil. [33880/17]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health when the web based paperless medical card application process to reduce the number of paper based applications will be implemented. — John Brassil. [33881/17]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made on considering further recommendations of the clinical advisory group including conclusions on the assessment of the burden of disease as agreed for implementation by the HSE and his department. — John Brassil. [33882/17]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has developed a burden of the illness assessment tool. — John Brassil. [33883/17]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources which have been provided to ensure that the assessment process for new medicines is implemented effectively. — John Brassil. [33884/17]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health if new arrangements for management of GP training involving the Irish College of General Practitioners have been finalised and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33885/17]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have transferred from congregated settings to community living to date in 2017; and the number of additional homes provided. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33886/17]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional speech and language therapists newly employed by the HSE to date; and the sectors of the HSE in which they are employed. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33887/17]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional occupational therapists newly employed by the HSE to date in 2017; and the sectors of the HSE in which they are employed. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33888/17]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of the 185 new residential emergency places provided under disability services in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33889/17]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams established. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33890/17]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with a physical and or sensory disability in receipt of a PA service as of 30 June 2017 or the latest date available. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33891/17]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of home support services, ID autism and physical and sensory disability, as of 30 June 2017 or the latest date available. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [33892/17]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money which is spent each year to secure and maintain HSE properties which are no longer in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33896/17]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33900/17]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 July 2017; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Billy Kelleher. [33908/17]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical nurse specialists and senior physiotherapists recruited to date in 2017 to support the implementation of the respiratory integrated care projects in each CHO. — Billy Kelleher. [33909/17]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of senior podiatrists, senior dietitians and integrated care clinical nurse specialists recruited to date in 2017 to support the implementation of chronic disease integrated care projects in each CHO. — Billy Kelleher. [33910/17]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals now availing of a virtual heart failure consultation service enabling outpatient referrals between the hospital and primary care. — Billy Kelleher. [33911/17]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community intervention teams in each community healthcare organisation as of 30 June 2017 or the latest date available; the number of staff whole time equivalent in each on that date; and the corresponding data for the same dates in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [33912/17]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for treatment to each community intervention team in the first quarter and second quarter of the year. — Billy Kelleher. [33913/17]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients supported and trained to self administer compounded IV antibiotics (details supplied) in each CHO. — Billy Kelleher. [33914/17]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expansion of community x-ray schemes in counties Donegal and Kerry; the number of additional x-rays provided to date in 2017 relative to the same period in 2016; and the number of additional staff WTE employed in such services. — Billy Kelleher. [33915/17]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of packages of care for children discharged from hospital with complex medical conditions that have been supported to date in 2017; and the average full year cost of such packages. — Billy Kelleher. [33916/17]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the agreement and implementation of a protocol for discharge planning for children with complex medical conditions. — Billy Kelleher. [33917/17]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the agreement and implementation of a clinical and service assessment tool for children with complex medical conditions. — Billy Kelleher. [33918/17]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the quality assurance review of home care packages in place for children with complex medical needs. — Billy Kelleher. [33919/17]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development and agreement of an implementation plan to commence phased roll out service model and care pathways for primary care eye services. — Billy Kelleher. [33920/17]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of a hepatitis C treatment programme strategic plan in collaboration with the programme advisory group. — Billy Kelleher. [33921/17]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development and implementation of performance metrics for all hepatitis C treatment sites to drive treatment volume and monitor performance. — Billy Kelleher. [33922/17]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if strategies for the continued identification of hepatitis C patients for treatment and development of pathways to care have been devised; and if so, the details of same. — Billy Kelleher. [33923/17]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the prioritisation and selection criteria of patients for treatment through the national hepatitis C treatment programme clinical advisory group. — Billy Kelleher. [33924/17]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of the hepatitis C registry to support continued planning of treatment for the duration of the national hepatitis C treatment programme. — Billy Kelleher. [33925/17]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of the hepatitis C registry to support the provision of clinical information on patient outcomes to the national hepatitis C treatment programme. — Billy Kelleher. [33926/17]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development and implementation of improved infrastructural support to the hepatitis C registry. — Billy Kelleher. [33927/17]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health if the recruitment of 83 WTEs for the implementation of speech and language therapy service improvement initiatives across CHOs has been concluded; if not, the number of these positions now in place; and the CHOs in which each of these posts have been assigned. — Billy Kelleher. [33928/17]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional speech and language assessment and therapy appointments as part of the 2016 service improvement initiative provided by the end of June 2017 or the latest date available. — Billy Kelleher. [33929/17]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of governance groups convened to date in 2017 to develop and agree revised models for primary care physiotherapy and occupational therapy services to include development and agreement of care pathways, workforce planning and implementation plans. — Billy Kelleher. [33930/17]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health when the clinical oversight group to advise on clinical standards in HSE funded primary dental services was established; and if he will report on its work to date. — Billy Kelleher. [33931/17]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of targeted dental screening for areas that do not have access for 11 to 13 year olds; the additional areas that now have screening; and the additional number of 11 to 13 year olds that have now been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [33932/17]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health if wave 2 fluoride and caring for children's teeth fieldwork has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33933/17]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health if a communication action plan to support implementation of antimicrobial guidelines in dentistry has been developed; and if so, the details of same. — Billy Kelleher. [33934/17]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been waiting for orthodontic services for three years or more as of 30 June 2017 or the latest date available. — Billy Kelleher. [33935/17]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the action plan for anti-microbial resistance. — Billy Kelleher. [33936/17]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health if the individual health identifier business application tool has been procured and configured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33937/17]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health if the individual health identifier business service has been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33938/17]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health if the individual health identifier has been rolled out to initial selected GPs; and the number of GPs selected. — Billy Kelleher. [33939/17]



\*664. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out the individual health identifier to national systems, further GPs and first hospital systems. — Billy Kelleher. [33940/17]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of existing service arrangements with section 39 service providers to ensure a stronger focus on addressing the health needs of homeless persons including the development of targets, outcomes, quality standards, enhanced monitoring and evaluation. — Billy Kelleher. [33941/17]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health the CHO and hospital groups in which the discharge protocol for homeless persons in acute hospitals and mental health facilities are being implemented. — Billy Kelleher. [33942/17]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE consultation process with all service providers of children's palliative care in the community has now been completed; the action that will follow from this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33943/17]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with a primary non-cancer diagnosis have equal access to services as per the eligibility criteria guideline. — Billy Kelleher. [33944/17]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that received specialist palliative care treatment in their normal place of residence in each month in 2017 to date. — Billy Kelleher. [33945/17]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care and the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33946/17]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently awaiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33947/17]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care; the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33948/17]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33949/17]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33950/17]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO currently waiting for an oral health appointment in primary care; and the number waiting 0 to 12 weeks, 12 to 26 weeks, 26 to 52 weeks and more than 52 weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [33951/17]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centre projects announced on 17 July 2012; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33952/17]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of serious reportable events currently being notified within 24 hours to a designated officer. — Billy Kelleher. [33953/17]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of mandatory investigations commenced within 48 hours of the events occurring. — Billy Kelleher. [33954/17]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of mandatory investigations currently completed within four months of notification of the events occurring. — Billy Kelleher. [33955/17]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of reportable events in 2017 that have been reported within 30 days of occurrence to the designated officer. — Billy Kelleher. [33956/17]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in May 2017; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than of 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes, 120 minutes and more than 180 minutes for same. — Billy Kelleher. [33957/17]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operations and procedures that have been cancelled or postponed in each public hospital to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33958/17]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operations and procedures that have been cancelled or postponed in each voluntary hospital to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33959/17]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures the HSE has procured from private and independent hospitals to date in 2017; the amount which has been spent by the HSE on these procedures in private and independent hospitals to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [33960/17]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at national director level, assistant national director level, general manager level and grade VIII level in the HSE on 1 July 2017 or the latest date available. — Billy Kelleher. [33961/17]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public or voluntary hospitals that carry out MRI scans; and the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in waiting periods of less than three months, three months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33962/17]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health the public or voluntary hospitals that carry out CT scans; and the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in waiting periods of less than three months, three months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33963/17]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public or voluntary hospitals that carry out bone scans; and the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in the waiting periods of less than three months, three

months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33964/17]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public or voluntary hospitals that carry out angiogram; and the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in the waiting periods of less than three months, three months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33965/17]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public or voluntary hospitals which carry out electroencephalograms; the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in waiting periods of less than three months, three months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33966/17]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health the public or voluntary hospitals that carry out endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography; and the number of persons waiting as of 1 July 2017 or the nearest available date for such a procedure at each of the hospitals in waiting periods of less than three months, three months to six months, six months to nine months, nine months to twelve months and more than twelve months. — Billy Kelleher. [33967/17]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards for persons over 70 years of age in circulation by LHO as of 30 June 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [33968/17]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ultrasounds provided to date in 2017 at primary care sites (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [33969/17]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34003/17]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses newly recruited to date in 2017 across all sectors of the health service; and the net increase in nursing numbers resulting from this recruitment. — Billy Kelleher. [34004/17]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists recruited to date in 2017; the sectors of the health service under which they have been recruited; and the net increase in speech and language therapists numbers resulting from this recruitment. — Billy Kelleher. [34005/17]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists newly recruited to date in 2017; the sectors of the health service under which they have been recruited; and the net increase in occupational therapists numbers resulting from this recruitment. — Billy Kelleher. [34006/17]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists newly recruited to date in 2017; the sectors of the health service under which they have been recruited; and the net increase in physiotherapist numbers resulting from this recruitment. — Billy Kelleher. [34007/17]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists currently employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34008/17]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists currently employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34009/17]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists currently employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34010/17]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant posts in whole time equivalent terms currently in each public and voluntary hospital; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34011/17]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved senior house officer posts in whole time equivalent terms currently in each public and voluntary hospital; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34012/17]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved registrar posts in whole time equivalent terms currently in each public and voluntary hospital; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34013/17]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved senior registrar posts in whole time equivalent terms currently in each public and voluntary hospital; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34014/17]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health the most up to date figures for the number of approved clinical dental surgeon posts in whole time equivalent terms currently employed by the HSE; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34015/17]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health the most up to date figures for the number of approved general dental surgeon posts in whole time equivalent terms currently employed by the HSE; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34016/17]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health the most up to date figures for the number of approved senior dental surgeon posts in whole time equivalent terms currently employed by the HSE; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34017/17]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health the most up to date figures for the number of approved registered intellectual disability nurse posts in whole time equivalent terms currently employed by the HSE; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2015 and 2016. — Billy Kelleher. [34018/17]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34019/17]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [34020/17]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [34021/17]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34022/17]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health the status of dental work for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34024/17]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34034/17]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34040/17]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34041/17]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation in CUH for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34043/17]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health when braces will be fitted for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34044/17]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be assessed in CUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34045/17]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health the progress over the past fourteen months by his department to accelerate early assessment and intervention for children with special needs. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34046/17]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed new primary healthcare centre for Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34049/17]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed new primary healthcare centre for Bettystown and Laytown, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34050/17]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34051/17]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34052/17]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34053/17]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34054/17]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation in south infirmary Cork for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34055/17]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health when persons (details supplied) will receive braces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34056/17]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made over the past fourteen months to improve the provision of adult day services for persons with disabilities. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34057/17]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34058/17]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontic treatment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34059/17]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34069/17]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation in south infirmary Cork for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34076/17]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34077/17]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation in South Infirmary for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34078/17]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health his views on amendments being circulated in relation to the Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [34079/17]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment in CUH for a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34080/17]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation in south infirmary Cork for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34084/17]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to bring forward multi annual plans and budgets for health expenditure, both current and capital. — Billy Kelleher. [34085/17]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will publish a five year service plan. — Billy Kelleher. [34086/17]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the allocation of the €15 million in 2017 to fund the national treatment purchase fund to urgently address waiting lists for those waiting longest; the amount of this funding which has now been spent; and the number of persons that will receive scheduled treatment as a result of this expenditure. — Billy Kelleher. [34087/17]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the way his department is honouring the commitment to fully implement A Vision for Change. — Billy Kelleher. [34088/17]



\*744. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34104/17]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national pre natal oral health programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34105/17]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health programme for 0 to 16 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34106/17]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health programme for special care including nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34107/17]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health programme for children and adult mental health care patients that are designated patients under the auspices of the HSE or other such agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34108/17]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to examine rolling out a scheme whereby community groups can apply for grant assistance to provide community defibrillators. — Robert Troy. [34117/17]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to bring the Public Health Bill back to the Houses of Oireachtas for completion. — Robert Troy. [34139/17]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that persons eligible for a public bed in a public hospital are not been asked to sign a waiver form by the public hospitals in cases in which they have private health insurance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34153/17]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health if the request for a CAT scan for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34160/17]

\*753. 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. [34162/17]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34163/17]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34190/17]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34193/17]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34195/17]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34196/17]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34197/17]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34198/17]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34199/17]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34200/17]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34201/17]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE and the Saolta hospital group have or would consider a minor injuries unit in an area (details supplied); if consideration has been given to this to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34204/17]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34221/17]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE funded beds there are allocated for gambling addiction as a primary addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34222/17]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34223/17]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with the private health insurance providers to discuss with them extending cover for gambling addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34224/17]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34225/17]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make provision for gambling addiction in the next HSE service plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34227/17]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34228/17]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34272/17]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34274/17]

\*774. 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. [34275/17]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34276/17]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of children with possible special needs which are currently outstanding beyond the time periods permitted by the Disability Act 2005 in Cork city and county. — Michael McGrath. [34289/17]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received by the HSE in respect of children with possible special needs in the Cork South Lee area in the 12 months beginning January 2015; and the number of same which were completed with the statutory time limits set down by the Disability Act 2005. — Michael McGrath. [34290/17]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information (details supplied) regarding public hospital waiting lists. — Michael McGrath. [34292/17]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information (details supplied) regarding public hospital waiting lists for surgery. — Michael McGrath. [34293/17]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health if women that have had breast cancer and that have a medical card and are measured and fitted for two bras per year, can also be fitted for a swimsuit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [34297/17]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34324/17]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting for eating related disorders, by county, by type of disorder, both male and female; in tabular form, the interventions in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34338/17]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for children that are recipients of domiciliary care allowance to be approved for full medical cards without assessments as promised in July 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34339/17]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on mental health to date in 2017; and the equivalent figures on a like for like basis in terms of services provided in each of the years from 2010 to 2016, taking into consideration reclassifications of expenditure between 2010 and 2016. — James Browne. [34340/17]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on services for CAMHS by county, for more than 12 months, 24 months and 36 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34341/17]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health the original requirement set out for each position (details supplied); the number of these positions filled; and the number yet to be filled, taking account of demographic change in tabular form. — James Browne. [34342/17]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to date in 2017 for the development of early intervention and prevention counselling services by mental health and primary care, specifically for young persons under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34343/17]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which he plans to extend jigsaw services. — James Browne. [34344/17]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to date in 2017 for specific services to enhance responses to those persons that are homeless and mentally ill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34345/17]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to date in 2017 for improved provision of psychotherapeutic interventions for adults and children with mental illness. — James Browne. [34346/17]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the funding to date in 2017 to address the service gap for low secure acute care and rehabilitation services for mental health service users with complex needs. — James Browne. [34347/17]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to date in 2017 for continued investment in the CAMHS eating disorder service. — James Browne. [34348/17]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to date in 2017 for the opening of new acute and high observation units. — James Browne. [34349/17]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure incurred in agency fees to date in 2017 by the HSE in the provision of mental health services. — James Browne. [34350/17]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health the details of approved centres that have yet to comply with the mental health commission, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34351/17]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health if anti-ligature measures have been introduced in all settings; and if not, the details of settings where they have yet to be introduced in tabular form. — James Browne. [34352/17]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to CAMHS received to date in 2017 in each CHO; the number of such referrals accepted; if those referrals not accepted were referred to other services; and if so, the details of same in each CHO. — James Browne. [34353/17]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford on a waiting list for occupational therapy; the number of children in County Wexford awaiting occupational therapy services for up to 12 months, 24 months and 36 months respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34354/17]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of each of the recommendations of 15.1.1 to 15.1.9, inclusive, of a vision for change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34355/17]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counties which have a seven day support team for mental health; the details of same in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34356/17]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of counties which have a home care team for supporting persons with mental health; the detail of same in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34357/17]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals which have a psychiatric nurse employed in emergency departments; the detail of same in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34358/17]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health the agencies funded by the NOSP in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34359/17]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed construction of ambulance stations for Gorey and Enniscorthy; the date on which they will proceed to the next stage; the timeframe for tendering process to commence and be completed; the timeframe for construction to commence; the funding he will allocate to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34360/17]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health the value of drugs under the control of the HSE the location of which are unknown, missing or unaccounted for at the end of each of the years 2013 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34361/17]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health if dietetic services will be made available in all new primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34362/17]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health his department's estimate of the additional resources required to provide the funding necessary for the staffing requirements under a vision for change, taking into account the 2016 census returns, broken down by each CHO area. — James Browne. [34363/17]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age that have been admitted to acute hospitals on mental health grounds; the number of individual children these admissions relate to; and the number of subsequent readmissions in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017. — James Browne. [34364/17]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health if an analysis has been completed or studies carried out on the number of admissions and renewal orders revoked before a mental health tribunal is held. — James Browne. [34365/17]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 17 mental health areas within the nine community health care organisations that provide a full weekend support. — James Browne. [34366/17]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health the number of admissions under the Mental Health Acts that had their status regraded from voluntary to involuntary; and the number of admissions that had their status regraded from involuntary to voluntary for each of the years 2012 to 2016 to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34367/17]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of persons admitted involuntarily for each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, that did not have a tribunal review of their detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34368/17]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of admission orders revoked under the Mental Health Acts before a mental health tribunal was held for each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34369/17]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 34 posts in the national forensic mental health service which are required in order to meet more secure therapeutic environments for those persons that meet the criteria for section 21.2 of the Mental Health Act 2001 that have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34370/17]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a first appointment with a psychologist, following referral for one, two, three, three plus to six, six plus to nine, nine plus to 12 and 12 plus months, by health service executive administrative area, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34371/17]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a first appointment with a psychiatrist following referral for one, two, three, three plus to six, six plus to nine, nine plus to 12 and 12 plus months by health service executive administrative areas, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34372/17]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health the budgeted and actual spending by mental health administrative area from 2012 to 2016, inclusive and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34373/17]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders that were prescribed anti depressant medication by local health area in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form. — James Browne. [34374/17]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discretionary medical cards issued in County Wexford in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34375/17]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a County Wexford address that have presented with symptoms of breast cancer and have been referred to a cancer centre and are waiting for more than three months, more than six months, more than one year, and more than two years respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34376/17]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the recommendations of the Mental Health Commission report The Human Cost that have been implemented by his department. — James Browne. [34377/17]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health if his department has produced a mental health information leaflet for the financial services sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34378/17]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented for mental health services to HSE facilities in County Wexford in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of persons that presented for mental health services to HSE facilities with a residential address in County Wexford in each of the years from 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34379/17]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated construction and operation costs of a second catheterisation laboratory at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34380/17]



\*825. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the methodology contained within the Herity report on cardiac services at university hospital Waterford. — James Browne. [34381/17]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a CAMHS appointment for children in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34382/17]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health his views on persons with psychiatric illnesses residing in the same facilities as those that have minor mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34383/17]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of home help hours the HSE provided to persons in County Wexford in each of the years from 2011 to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34384/17]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's expenditure on agency staff for home help care; for County Wexford in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34385/17]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help staff employed by the HSE in County Wexford in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34386/17]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for home help in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34387/17]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for home help services in County Wexford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34388/17]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34431/17]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the excellent service being provided by the staff at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34432/17]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health if the status of an application for a full medical card can be re-examined in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34438/17]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34439/17]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health if all issues relating to the title of St Brigid's Hospice, Crooksling hospital have been resolved without cost or loss of any aspect of title; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34442/17]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health if medicines for Ireland are likely to be included in the discussions to reduce the cost of medicines with particular reference to innovative medicines and or generic medicines; if legislation changes are contemplated in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34443/17]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will be transferred to the rehabilitation centre in Dun Laoghaire (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34456/17]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34459/17]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money which was allocated to primary care counselling services in 2016 and 2017 respectively; and the amount of this budget which was spent for each service. — Pat Buckley. [34460/17]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money which was allocated to the national office of suicide prevention in 2016 and 2017 respectively; and the amount of this budget which was spent, reallocated or returned. — Pat Buckley. [34461/17]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies which currently exist in the National Office for Suicide Prevention; and the length of time these positions have been vacant. — Pat Buckley. [34462/17]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies which currently exist in primary care counselling and other primary care mental health services; and the length of time these positions have been vacant. — Pat Buckley. [34463/17]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of SCAN nurses operating across the State; the catchment area of each and the yearly cost of this position and the service. — Pat Buckley. [34464/17]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for further expansion of jigsaw services; his views on the number of services needed; and the areas that are to be prioritised. — Pat Buckley. [34466/17]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services receiving funding from the State; and the amount they were allocated in 2016 and 2017 respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34467/17]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health the average yearly salary of a psychiatric nurse in the HSE that is not a manager or has any other specialisation. — Pat Buckley. [34468/17]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE and State spent in the past five years respectively including 2017 on branded medications for psychiatric treatment; and the potential for savings from switching to generic products. — Pat Buckley. [34469/17]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the annual budget for each crisis house operating in the State for the past five years respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34470/17]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated beds for adult psychiatric treatment by service. — Pat Buckley. [34471/17]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional CAMHTs needed in the Health Service; and the additional cost of staffing these teams on an annual basis. — Pat Buckley. [34472/17]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health the annual budget for the past five years respectively for each CHO for child and adolescent mental health services. — Pat Buckley. [34473/17]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of the provision of an additional bed for child and adolescent mental health services. — Pat Buckley. [34474/17]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of the provision of an additional bed for adult mental health services. — Pat Buckley. [34475/17]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of the provision of an additional bed for psychiatry of old age services. — Pat Buckley. [34476/17]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatry of old age beds in the State; the cost for this service in 2016 and 2017; his plans to increase the number of beds; and the location of same. — Pat Buckley. [34477/17]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to move community mental health services to a seven day working week model; and the estimated time this would take to transition. — Pat Buckley. [34478/17]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost to move community mental health services to a 24/7 model; and the estimated time this would take to transition. — Pat Buckley. [34479/17]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services provided to those living in direct provision; and the annual cost of this. — Pat Buckley. [34480/17]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional investment required for mental health services in order to complete the implementation of A Vision for Change. — Pat Buckley. [34481/17]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing SafeTalk training to all secondary level students over 16 years of age. — Pat Buckley. [34482/17]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of operating an additional 11 crisis houses across the State including initial set up costs that would be incurred. — Pat Buckley. [34483/17]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health the average estimated cost to ensure that all accident and emergency departments, garda custody suites and prisons have a psychiatric nurse on duty at all time. — Pat Buckley. [34484/17]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated average cost of the provision of an additional bed for psychiatry of old age services. — Pat Buckley. [34485/17]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated average cost of ensuring the provision of at least one mental health professional on every primary care team in the State. — Pat Buckley. [34486/17]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending free primary care counselling to persons that earn less than the living wage of €456 per week. — Pat Buckley. [34487/17]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to support persons with mental health issues to secure stable accommodation; and the estimated annual cost of these services. — Pat Buckley. [34488/17]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health the services to support persons with mental health issues to secure stable employment; and the estimated annual cost of these services. — Pat Buckley. [34489/17]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health the funding providing for mental health crisis hotline telephone services. — Pat Buckley. [34490/17]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34494/17]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34496/17]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [34497/17]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the proposed 100 bed unit for St Mary's hospital in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34499/17]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health the status of development for two centres (details supplied); the planned opening date for each of the two centres; and the planned opening times for the two centres. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34501/17]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed satellite emergency and urgent care centres for children planned for Tallaght and Connolly hospitals in Dublin will have inpatient beds. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34502/17]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34510/17]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on homeless services by his department and agencies under the aegis of his department for each year since 2013; and the estimated spend for 2017 and 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34563/17]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free GP care. — Ruth Coppinger. [34564/17]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of maximum waiting times of 12 weeks for inpatient procedures, 10 weeks for out patient appointments and 10 days for diagnostic tests as recommended in the Committee on the Future of Healthcare's Report. — Ruth Coppinger. [34565/17]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of appointing 100 additional obstetricians and gynaecologists. — Ruth Coppinger. [34566/17]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free hospital care, including the abolition of all inpatient, out patient and accident and emergency charges. — Ruth Coppinger. [34567/17]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free nursing home care. — Ruth Coppinger. [34568/17]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of ensuring universal free access to drug rehabilitation and treatment programmes. — Ruth Coppinger. [34569/17]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free screening, prevention and treatment programmes for sexually transmitted diseases. — Ruth Coppinger. [34570/17]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free home care. — Ruth Coppinger. [34571/17]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of abolishing all out of pocket payments for healthcare and medicines for public patients. — Ruth Coppinger. [34572/17]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of abolishing all out of pocket payments for healthcare and medicines. — Ruth Coppinger. [34573/17]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing universal free contraception. — Ruth Coppinger. [34574/17]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing free access to fertility treatments, including IVF, for persons of childbearing age on the public health system. — Ruth Coppinger. [34575/17]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of introducing free access on the public service to abortion services in accordance with the Citizens' Assembly recommendations. — Ruth Coppinger. [34576/17]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of making access to non invasive prenatal testing freely available as part of the maternity and infant care scheme. — Ruth Coppinger. [34577/17]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of making access to combined pre natal testing including nuchal translucency scan freely available as part of the maternity and infant care scheme. — Ruth Coppinger. [34578/17]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of ensuring universal access to 20 week foetal anomaly scans as part of the maternity and infant care scheme. — Ruth Coppinger. [34579/17]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual cost of making pre-exposure prophylaxis available free of charge on the public health service. — Ruth Coppinger. [34580/17]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34581/17]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34582/17]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34614/17]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34615/17]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34623/17]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements he is making to protect the public interest in the new national maternity hospital; if public interest directors will be appointed to its board and to the board of the St Vincent's Hospital Group at Elm Park, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34625/17]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Health if management fees or other fees will be payable by the new national maternity hospital to the St Vincent's Hospital Group at Elm Park, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34626/17]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements he is making to ensure that the St Vincent's Hospital Group at Elm Park, Dublin, cannot raise borrowings on the assets of the new national maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34627/17]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Health if the board of the national maternity hospital will be accountable to the board of the St Vincent's Hospital Group at Elm Park, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34628/17]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Health if the board and chief executive of the St Vincent's Hospital Group at Elm Park, Dublin, will have an influence over the policies and finances of the national maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34629/17]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he and his officials have made in relation to the arrangements between his department, the national maternity hospital at Holles Street and St Vincent's healthcare group which he was due to report to Dáil Éireann on at the end of May 2017; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34630/17]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34632/17]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34633/17]



\*909. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34640/17]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34641/17]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health the dialogue which has been undertaken by his department with religious organisations in relation to the management and ownership of healthcare facilities by those organisations, with particular regard to proposed changes in that relationship, especially in circumstances in which the services are predominantly funded by the State. — Billy Kelleher. [34642/17]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [34643/17]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is following the guidelines issued by the Centre for Disease Control in the USA for the testing for Lyme disease; if their attention has been drawn to the change in policy by the CDC whereby it now accepts the need for more than one test and that new forms of test are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34655/17]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary questions numbers 432 of 18 October 2016, 339 of 6 December 2016, and 496 of 21 of February 2017 when the national steering group established by him to develop policy on a major trauma system for Ireland will publish its first report; if the group visited St Luke's hospital to assess its current services; the status of the group's recommendations specifically in respect of St Luke's hospital, County Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34659/17]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that adequate services are in place to cater for children in the south east with type 1 diabetes in university hospital Waterford; his plans to examine the provision of services to manage children with type 1 diabetes on insulin pumps attending university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34662/17]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in filling the vacant consultant paediatrician post for provision of services for children with type 1 diabetes in university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34663/17]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 16 years of age with type 1 diabetes that attend university hospital Waterford; the number of same being treated with insulin pump therapy; the number of same waiting on insulin pump initiation training at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34664/17]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether HIQA is an appropriate authority to receive protected disclosures regarding private nursing homes from employees or ex employees of same. — Clare Daly. [34667/17]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the poor conditions facing persons in emergency departments that present with suicide risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34669/17]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health the details of registration and regulation of those offering hypnosis as a method of prompting weight loss, assisting with quitting smoking and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34674/17]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed new national maternity hospital will be retained in public ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34675/17]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his department has not responded to an FOI request (details supplied) regarding the National maternity hospital within the statutory period; and if he will expedite this matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34676/17]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recent reports of the increasing use of crack cocaine in Dublin; his views on recent claims that the HSE is ill-equipped to deal with the abuse of a drug (details supplied); his further views on engaging with treatment providers to ensure that appropriate prevention and treatment strategies for this drug are developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34678/17]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health his strategy to address a matter (details supplied) in respect of awareness campaigns on the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34696/17]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34716/17]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a surgical appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34739/17]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide additional funding in 2017 for counties Cavan and Monaghan for home support programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34759/17]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be provided in counties Cavan and Monaghan to assist a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34760/17]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Health the properties in Louth and east Meath which includes a portion of Meath east which are leased or occupied or rented or owned by the HSE and are presently vacant; the reason for such continuing vacancy; the cost of same in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34761/17]

\*930. 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. [34762/17]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health if the freestyle libre, a sensor for monitoring blood sugars for sufferers of diabetes, will be made available on the GMS and long term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [34805/17]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1314 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34844/17]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34853/17]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds the national children's hospital will have for the treatment of child and adolescent mental health issues incorporating eating disorders and acute CAMHS; the number of these beds that will be allocated for children in the greater Dublin area and for those living outside the greater Dublin area in view of a report presented to him on 7 July 2012 (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [34858/17]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34860/17]

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

\*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide copies of a history of all valuations for Harold's Cross greyhound stadium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33682/17]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of super trawler activity in Irish waters; the name of each super trawler that has fished in Irish waters in each of the years 2014 to 2016 (details supplied); the number of observers that have been in place on these boats; and the number of boardings made by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority over this period and for the vessels specified. — Róisín Shortall. [34281/17]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an AEOS payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33687/17]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a farm payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33688/17]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will be made to a person (details supplied); if the payment will be processed without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33737/17]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be taken by his department to ensure that the delay in respect of AEOS and GLAS payments does not arise again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33739/17]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in providing compensation to the 370 tillage farmers across the State that lost crops in the heavy flooding in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33740/17]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of registered farmers over the age of 65 at present; the number of registered farmers under the age of 35 at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33895/17]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33899/17]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34025/17]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34060/17]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34300/17]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the post Brexit contingency plans in place for future agrifood trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34403/17]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided for; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34491/17]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a review of entitlements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34498/17]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34583/17]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34584/17]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of Teagasc education officers in County Donegal providing green cert courses in the first half of 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [34617/17]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Teagasc education officers that will be working in County Donegal providing green cert courses in the autumn term 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [34618/17]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of students studying for green cert courses through County Donegal Teagasc offices in the spring / summer term 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [34619/17]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that will be studying for green cert courses through the County Donegal Teagasc office in the autumn term 2017; and of these the number that will be new students that commenced their course in Autumn 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [34620/17]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to prohibit the use of wild animals in circuses, in view of the need to promote animal welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34677/17]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine following a successful appeal the reason a person (details supplied) in County Mayo was not paid their 2015 ANC payment, in view of the fact that the agriculture appeals office in their capacity as an independent body made this decision based on EU regulations, national legislation, guidelines and the terms and conditions of the scheme and also on the principles of natural justice. — Michael Ring. [34704/17]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the progress towards the programme for government commitment to review the Agriculture Appeals Act 2001. — Charlie McConalogue. [34763/17]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers enrolled in GLAS 1 and 2 that have submitted their nutrient management plans to date, by county, in tabular form; the number per county that have not submitted their nutrient management plans to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [34764/17]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the latest EU data regarding the average cost of production per litre of milk. — Charlie McConalogue. [34765/17]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers participating in the beef data genomics scheme; the number of new farmers that have joined since the scheme reopened in May 2017; the number of farmers that have withdrawn that originally had approved application; the number of applications that were deemed ineligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34768/17]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications submitted to the SBCI agriculture cashflow support loan scheme per county, in tabular form; the number of successful applications per county; the number of unsuccessful applications per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34769/17]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount drawn to date under the SBCI agri loan fund, by county, in tabular form; the number of participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34770/17]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeframe the SBCI agri loan fund will remain open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34771/17]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average loan size drawn down to date under the SBCI agri loan fund; the average loan size per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34772/17]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been drawn down to date under the SBCI agri loan fund broken down by each lending pillar bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34773/17]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 672 of 11 April 2017, the progress on the ex ante assessment for the financial instrument; and the latest timeframe for completion. — Charlie McConalogue. [34774/17]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details regarding the number of farmers that applied for GLAS in each round according to Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 breakdown, the number of farmers accepted; the number of farmers paid; the amount paid to date; the number of farmers in GLAS plus; and the number of farmers in GLAS that have commonage lands, by county, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [34775/17]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of GLAS 1 and GLAS 2 that have received the 15% of their 2016 payment, by county, in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 15% portion of 2016 payment; the number of GLAS recipients that have yet to receive this portion of payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34776/17]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that have applied to the knowledge transfer group scheme under the rural development programme 2014 to 2020 to date in each of the beef, sheep, dairy, tillage, equine and poultry sectors; the targeted number of groups formed; the number of groups finalised to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34777/17]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received, in total, under the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme two on a county basis in tabular form; the number of approved applications; the total number of payment claims lodged; the number of payment claims that have been approved for payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34778/17]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of an annual breakdown of the actual expenditure incurred in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017 to each scheme under the Rural Development Programme 2014 to 2020 (details supplied) in tabular form; the details of budget allocations for each year in the 2014 to 2020 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34779/17]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 523 of 30 May 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [34780/17]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 524 of 30 May 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [34781/17]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 525 of 30 May 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [34782/17]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 526 of 30 May 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [34783/17]



\*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 527 of 30 May 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [34784/17]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average annual payment farmers will be able to draw down, based on current participation rates in the green low carbon agri environment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34785/17]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of latest progress in achieving FoodWise 2025 targets following the publication of the latest implementation report; if he will be commissioning an immediate review of FoodWise 2025 as his ministerial colleague has done in the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation with respect to its ten year Department Strategy Enterprise 2025 considering the employment and exports targets were predicted for a non Brexit scenario. — Charlie McConalogue. [34786/17]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 234 of 29 June 2017, the number of participants in the sustainable beef and lamb assurance schemes, by county (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [34787/17]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding drawn down to date on an annual basis in tabular form under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Operational Programme 2014 to 2020 per each regional FLAG; the annual breakdown of funding allocated; the breakdown on all the seafood sectors, that is, fisheries, aquaculture and seafood processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34788/17]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his view on of his department's approach to issues with live valuation scheme as laid out by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [34789/17]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the young farmers' scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34791/17]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeframe for consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his department to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU (details supplied); the date on which such provisions are expected to be initiated; the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; if provisions related to the 2014/52/EU have already been made by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34837/17]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 1641 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34845/17]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the potential to redevelop the sugar beet industry; and the steps he is taking in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34859/17]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to address a situation whereby information is not made available to marts as to whether a bovine is eligible for export (details supplied) in particular regarding whether an animal has been presented at a

previous mart in the preceding 30 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34862/17]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the 2017 areas of natural constraints scheme per county. — Charlie McConalogue. [34888/17]

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

\*990. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grants in place for protected houses that are private dwellings for persons that wish to carry out energy efficiency improvements in view of the fact that protected houses are not eligible to apply under SEAI. — Robert Troy. [34103/17]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Ireland will support the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention compliance committee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34279/17]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 231 of 5 July 2017, the reason for conflict with state aid rules that would be presented by a PSO levy system based on a per kWh basis. — Timmy Dooley. [33573/17]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 230 of 5 July 2017, the reason for his determination that €75 would cover the cost of disposing 650 kg of waste under the new waste system in view of the fact that he has repeatedly emphasised that the government plays no role in setting prices within the waste collection sector. — Timmy Dooley. [33574/17]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expenditure of the budget allocated to the regional waste management planning offices in 2016 and 2017, by campaign, nature of expenditure and date. — Timmy Dooley. [33575/17]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the departmental spend on setting up Eircode; the original budget; the spend on ongoing maintenance costs since it was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [33576/17]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the name, costs, date of commission, date or expected date of publication and name of the external consultant of all external reports commissioned by his department since March 2011, in tabular form. — Timmy Dooley. [33577/17]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the date by which he will announce the details of the next REFIT scheme; if it will be expanded to include more types of renewable production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [33578/17]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the cost efficiencies for all renewable technologies by megawatt, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [33579/17]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the government has transposed the European broadband directive, 2014/61/EU, relating to infrastructure sharing which will reduce the cost of deploying high speed electronic communications networks; if not, when this is envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [33580/17]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the changes he is planning on making to the funding of public broadcasting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [33581/17]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has considered the possible impacts that outsourcing the collection of television license fees could have on An Post's financial revenues and profitability. — Timmy Dooley. [33582/17]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 248 of 25 May 2017, if he will elaborate on the engagement that he mentioned; and the number of meetings that he and his department have attended in relation to the implementation of EU roaming regulations in Northern Ireland following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union. — Timmy Dooley. [33583/17]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the rate of recycling here since 2005, by material type. — Timmy Dooley. [33585/17]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of premises in relation to the monthly and milestone deployments under the Eircom commitment contract that have been served under the contract in each of the months April to June 2017, by means of EVDSL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33718/17]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 67 of 23 May 2017, if he will clarify or publish the terms of the contract under which he is enabled to extend a MANS concession by 11 years without a public tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33719/17]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the progress report of the taskforce implementation group; the local authorities that remain non compliant with the 2013 development contribution guidelines in relation to taskforce action number 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33720/17]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the pricing review of the MANS network is complete in relation to taskforce action number 19; further to parliamentary number question 67 of 23 May 2017, his plans to publish the review; if so, the date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33721/17]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department has completed its review of the issue of mobile coverage blackspots in relation to taskforce action number 40; his recommendations in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33722/17]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has received the report of the telecommunications operators concerning the introduction of WiFi and

VoLTE in relation to taskforce action number 39; his plans to publish it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [33723/17]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34028/17]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34063/17]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the rollout by a company (details supplied) of high fibre broadband to areas marked light blue on the national broadband plan; the reason some homes in areas are being connected by the company while neighbours are not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [34081/17]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the proposed renewable heat incentive scheme; when he expects the scheme to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34095/17]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding of a scheme (details supplied) since 2011, by producer and year. — Timmy Dooley. [34102/17]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on correspondence (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34150/17]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to make an order amending the conservation of pike bye law number 208 of 2006 to allow pike up to or equal to 85 cm to be culled on designated trout waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34155/17]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has had correspondence or discussions with his UK counterpart with regard to the UK's ongoing membership of Euratom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34247/17]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34299/17]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the items allowed in black and green bins; the position with regard to green waste including branches, soils and grass; the steps being taken by his department to educate persons on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34323/17]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the provision of refit tariffs for solar energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [34325/17]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided for; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34455/17]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to include compensation for eel fishermen in the 2018 estimates; and the amount proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [34665/17]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the statement by the CEO of Dublin city council that he wished to take back control of waste management in order to introduce a publically run tendering system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34671/17]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce maximum charges as part of the waste charging regime in advance of the proposed changeover to pay by weight in September, 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34672/17]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to require the food industry to reduce the amount of packaging it uses; his views on the operation of a company (details supplied) in view of the fact that the scheme does not incentivise the use of recyclable materials or reduce the overall level of packaging; and his plans to address this matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34699/17]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the report on the proposal announced in 2016 to give waste companies a €1.5 million reduction in landfill fees to offset the price freeze; the position regarding the promised information campaign which was supposed to be funded on foot of this reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34703/17]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of houses that have been connected by a company (details supplied) under its commercial agreement with the government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34801/17]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his department would proceed with the procurement process for the national broadband plan if one of the bidders were to withdraw. — Timmy Dooley. [34802/17]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of residents excluded from having brown bins in each local area authority under Regulation 3(3) (b) of S.I. No. 191/2015; if his department has plans to amend this statutory provision to ensure all residents have access to brown bins; and if not, if his department have plans to provide alternative composting options to these residents. — Catherine Martin. [34818/17]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if, in view of the current negotiations in Brussels on the EU Waste Directives, the government support the following measures: a 65% target for recycling of municipal solid waste by 2030 binding minimum requirements on extended producer responsibility including full cost coverage and modulated fees, separate targets for preparation for reuse of municipal solid waste, waste prevention targets, and a

packaging reuse target of 10% by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34821/17]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the recent meeting of the parties to the Espoo Convention including the position Ireland took in relation to the findings of the Implementation Committee of the Convention in relation to the proposed new nuclear power plant at Hinkley Point in Somerset. — Catherine Martin. [34822/17]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position Ireland took at the recent meeting of the parties to the Espoo Convention in relation to the environmental impact assessment of proposals to extend the lifetimes of nuclear plants currently reaching the end of their originally envisaged periods of operation. — Catherine Martin. [34823/17]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the priorities for the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention. — Catherine Martin. [34824/17]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the provisions in place and the further provisions anticipated in relation to wind energy developments and solar energy developments to ensure that where such developments are sited on peatlands including degraded peatlands, they form part of a strategy to minimise total carbon emissions from the relevant peatlands, noting that in the absence of action to ensure this is done, the degraded peatlands could emit more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere than the renewable energy development would save. — Catherine Martin. [34826/17]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to bring to the European Council the proposal that Ireland should, as a result of our anticipated failure to meet our 2020 greenhouse gas emissions target for the non traded sector, have a higher target in subsequent years than we would have if we meet our target; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is placing Ireland as a problem country for European climate policy; and the steps he will take to meet our climate targets (details supplied). — Catherine Martin. [34827/17]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide the detail of the submission made by his department to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the mid term capital review to ensure that the review results in a capital investment programme consistent with Ireland's EU level targets for 2020, proposed targets for 2030, the obligations of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 including the national transition objective and the Paris Agreement. — Catherine Martin. [34828/17]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position Ireland is taking in relation to the Commission's proposal that accounting for wetland management be optional for the 2030 climate target, the analysis that has been taken to inform that position and if it is consistent with the commitments to peatland rewetting and restoration in the National Peatlands Strategy. — Catherine Martin. [34829/17]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if Ireland will support the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34834/17]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose directive



2014/52/EU (details supplied) will be provided for; the timeframe for when such provisions are expected to be initiated; the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; if provisions related to the 2014/52/EU have already been made by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34836/17]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 1779 of 20 June 2017 the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34855/17]

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

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide information and clarity to persons living with chronic pain regarding the introduction of the preliminary drug testing measures under the Road Traffic Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34843/17]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expenditure by the Dublin Airport Authority on preparations for, submissions to and ancillary activities in relation to the oral hearings held by An Bord Pleanála in September and October 2006 in regard to the plan for a new runway at Dublin airport. — Clare Daly. [33591/17]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the plans for the M20 Cork to Limerick motorway were withdrawn in 2012; the effect of this withdrawal on the overall estimated timeframe for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33893/17]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33902/17]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the reopening of the Dunleer railway station in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34002/17]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34039/17]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34074/17]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has held meetings with a company (details supplied) since assuming office; and if so, the purpose of said meeting. — Robert Troy. [34109/17]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to name Dublin airport after former Taoiseach Sean Lemass in recognition of the outstanding contribution he made to economic development of Ireland. — Robert Troy. [34110/17]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for publication of a new tourist strategy midlands in line with commitment in the programme for government. — Robert Troy. [34111/17]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times he has met the EU Transport Commissioner since assuming office; and if he will report on the discussions which took place. — Robert Troy. [34112/17]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times he has had to defer or cancel meetings with the EU Commissioner for transport since assuming office. — Robert Troy. [34113/17]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to hold meetings with the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding reviewing eligibility for tourism visas in view of Brexit. — Robert Troy. [34114/17]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the projects that TII have shovel ready; the budget needed for each; and the timeframe for completion of same. — Robert Troy. [34115/17]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the budget that TII has to do preparatory work; and the schemes that are going through initial stages. — Robert Troy. [34116/17]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to forward the necessary legislation to give the NTA the authority to regularise the use of rickshaws. — Robert Troy. [34119/17]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the profit made by Rosslare Europort; and his future plans for the port. — Robert Troy. [34122/17]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of taxi enforcement officers employed by the NTA; and the locations of their employment. — Robert Troy. [34123/17]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of convictions for illegal activity each year for past five years; and the type of activity the convictions were for, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [34124/17]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the persons that he appointed to the various State boards under his remit since assuming office; and the number of vacancies that remain on the various State boards under his department's remit. — Robert Troy. [34125/17]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a HGV driver apprentice programme. — Robert Troy. [34126/17]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of consultation that he or his officials have had with the relevant stakeholders regarding drawing up the necessary legislation to enable the EU package travel directive; and the timeframe for this directive to be implemented into law. — Robert Troy. [34128/17]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the strategic plan for high performance sports to be published. — Robert Troy. [34129/17]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions that he had with the Minister for Finance with a view to ring fencing part of revenues generated through betting tax for sport. — Robert Troy. [34130/17]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when funding will be made available to complete the next phase of the sport grounds in Abbotstown. — Robert Troy. [34131/17]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for deciding if secondary or primary legislation will be needed to give the IAA the authority to regulate noise at Dublin airport; his views on whether this uncertainty is delaying the progress of the second runway at the airport; and the timeframe for same. — Robert Troy. [34132/17]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken since assuming office to promote connectivity between Dublin airport and east bound. — Robert Troy. [34133/17]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his European counterparts he has met to discuss Brexit; and the date on which he met them. — Robert Troy. [34134/17]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to implement the recommendations from the Seanad Brexit Committee regarding open skies policy. — Robert Troy. [34135/17]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the applications for funding that his department has made through the EU innovation partnership procurement route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [34136/17]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons employed in aircraft maintenance here; the size of the industry; and the way in which it compares with industry in Europe. — Robert Troy. [34140/17]

\*1072. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of training apprentice programmes in aircraft maintenance; the number of participants; and the locations in which apprenticeships are offered. — Robert Troy. [34141/17]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of foreign planes that come here for maintenance on an annual basis; and the number of Irish companies that are involved in the manufacture and supply of parts to the aviation sector. — Robert Troy. [34142/17]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons employed by the DAA directly or indirectly with regards passenger and baggage handling. — Robert Troy. [34143/17]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of consultation he has held with his government colleagues regarding the introduction of the Road Traffic (Minimum Passing Distance of Cyclists) Bill 2017. — Robert Troy. [34144/17]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 1857 of 20 June 2017, the reason his department does not have such information readily available in view of its role in advancing policy to tackle congestion; and if he will seek this information and provide it to other interested parties. — Robert Troy. [34148/17]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the proposed Kildare route project to facilitate increased rail capacity and frequency between Kildare and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [34194/17]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the narrow water bridge project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [34248/17]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if car sellers are permitted to install devices commonly referred to as kill switches which are designed to immobilise vehicles if borrowers fail to make payments on a car finance loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34249/17]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the up to date schedule for the tendering of Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus routes between July 2017 and 2019; and if the planned redesign of the Dublin Bus route network will have any impact on the tendering schedule. — Mick Barry. [34313/17]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department will restore the subsidy to Irish Rail to pre crisis levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [34314/17]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on State funding of rail freight services with Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34393/17]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to enhance road connectivity to Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34394/17]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve multi modal connectivity at Rosslare Europort, specifically between rail and ferry services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34395/17]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Rosslare Europort can become an independent body within CIÉ akin to Irish Rail and Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34401/17]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of proposals for greenway trails in County Wexford, especially those near New Ross and Gorey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34423/17]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made regarding extension of the M11 between Gorey and Enniscorthy; the expected date of completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34424/17]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made regarding the N25 Rosslare Europort access road project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34425/17]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the N30 Moneytucker to New Ross project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34426/17]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress made regarding the N25 New Ross bypass project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34427/17]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the models Irish Rail and his department are considering to increase allocations of investment to Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34430/17]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the government's commitment to the A5 upgrade from Donegal/Derry/Tyrone to Monaghan as originally committed in the Saint Andrew's Agreement; the progress made by his department over the past 12 months on this key infrastructure project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34457/17]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided in 2017 to progress the proposed upgrade of the N2 Clontibret to the border road scheme which is essential given the commitment to advance the A5 upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34458/17]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of replacing one conventional Dublin bus with an electric or low emissions alternative. — Timmy Dooley. [34495/17]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of restoring the CIE subvention to 2008 levels. — Ruth Coppinger. [34610/17]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of staff within the driver grade that have been out of work ill from the Bus Éireann Capwell Cork area as a result of work related stress. — Pat Buckley. [34644/17]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of staff within the administration grade that have been out of work ill from the Bus Éireann Capwell area as a result of work related stress. — Pat Buckley. [34645/17]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of illness related absences in Bus Éireann on an area by area basis in the past five years respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34646/17]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of disciplinary hearings that have been held in Bus Éireann Cork in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017 respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34647/17]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of disciplinary hearings in Bus Éireann on an area by area basis in the past five years respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34648/17]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of appeals of disciplinary decisions that have been successful in relation to Bus Éireann, Cork. — Pat Buckley. [34649/17]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the training provided and required of acting services managers in Bus Éireann in relation to personnel matters. — Pat Buckley. [34650/17]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans for Bus Éireann to install welfare facilities as required by law into the Fermoy depot and other outbased locations. — Pat Buckley. [34651/17]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times the Health and Safety Authority has inspected Bus Éireann depots in the Cork area in the past five years respectively. — Pat Buckley. [34652/17]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing lack of functioning toilet facilities for staff at the Bus Éireann Fermoy depot. — Pat Buckley. [34653/17]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to an issue (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [34654/17]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding options available to persons seeking to start up a tourism related business. — Robert Troy. [34707/17]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide funding for the provision of a Drogheda driver test centre in view of the recent CSO publication which shows that Drogheda is the largest town here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34790/17]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide additional financial resources to areas such as Cavan and Monaghan for road infrastructure development due to the difficulties that will arise from Brexit for this region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34803/17]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of estimates of the cost of increasing the overseas marketing budget for tourism to pre 2012 levels. — Robert Troy. [34806/17]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport whether or not he favours Ireland's Lakelands Initiative as a new regional tourism brand; if he will provide a detailed account of the amount of funding that has been allocated by his department to the development of this brand. — Robert Troy. [34807/17]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has had discussions with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government or any other department with regards to an organisation (details supplied); and the impact restrictions on this would have on tourist accommodation capacity. — Robert Troy. [34808/17]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views that his department will meet their EU renewable and emissions reductions targets by 2020; if he will provide a detailed account of how close we are as a State to meeting these targets. — Robert Troy. [34809/17]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of estimates of the cost to the State of missing our 2020 targets in transport for renewables and emissions reductions targets. — Robert Troy. [34810/17]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the analysis that has been done and the steps he has taken on foot of that analysis to ensure that the transport elements of the



midterm capital review result in a capital investment programme consistent with our EU level targets for 2020, proposed targets for 2030, the obligations of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 including the national transition objective, and the Paris agreement. — Catherine Martin. [34832/17]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent to date in 2017 on projects (details supplied); the estimated cost per year from July 2017 until completion for each; the amount of funding provided under the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [34861/17]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the unpublished report by an organisation (details supplied) on Rosslare Europort which was published by the previous Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [29947/17]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Fáilte Ireland plan to withdraw funding for hospitality programmes throughout the IOT sector (details supplied); and the actions he has taken to ensure the protection of these courses particularly at the time when there is a shortage of professionals in the hospitality sector. — Robert Troy. [34889/17]

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

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of posts on the Advisory Council for Better Outcomes, Better Futures that are filled by members of her department. — Anne Rabbitte. [34158/17]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of times that the Advisory Council for Better Outcomes, Better Futures has met since its establishment. — Anne Rabbitte. [34159/17]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to address the current situation affecting some families in relation to the rules governing adoption (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33672/17]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [33683/17]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount allocated and drawn down in respect of the learner fund in 2016 and to date in 2017 by county. — Anne Rabbitte. [33970/17]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she will implement the recommended action 75 of the Ryan implementation group for a professionally managed national archive to be developed as a central repository for the records for all children in care; and her views on whether there are barriers to the implementation of this recommendation. — Anne Rabbitte. [33971/17]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has informed all community programmes and community groups under its remit of its budget for 2016 and 2017; if she has signed off on this budget to these groups; and the groups whose funding from the agency has been reduced or discontinued for 2016 and 2017, in tabular form. — Anne Rabbitte. [33972/17]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount Tusla provided to the Health Service Executive for the provision of child counselling services in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; her plans for the agency to take over the direct provision of child counselling services; and if she or the agency have examined providing child counselling services via family resource centres. — Anne Rabbitte. [33973/17]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of new places on the community child care subvention scheme which have been taken up by private providers in addition to community providers since the announcement of the expansion to the scheme in budget 2017, by category. — Anne Rabbitte. [33974/17]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the figures presented by the CSO, which suggest that just 52% of children availed of the ECCE scheme during the 12 months prior to being interviewed in Q3 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [33975/17]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of existing family resource centres that are fully operational. — Anne Rabbitte. [33976/17]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount Tusla spent on community programmes, by county, in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the spending on family resource centres, school completion and area based childhood ABC programmes, broken down by programme. — Anne Rabbitte. [33977/17]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of capital funding allocated to Tusla in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in comparison to the capital spending outturn by the agency in these years. — Anne Rabbitte. [33978/17]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount her department spent on aftercare for children not in foster care or in the direct care of the Health Service Executive in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number of children in this regard. — Anne Rabbitte. [33979/17]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the standard payment that Tusla pays private residential care companies for each child in their care weekly and annually; if payments are made to these providers on a per child basis or a per bed basis; and the average cost to Tusla of providing a care place in State provided care and in a voluntary provided care setting. — Anne Rabbitte. [33980/17]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of private residential care companies contracted by Tusla to operate in the care system; and the number of children in this type of care. — Anne Rabbitte. [33981/17]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount that her department has spent on guardian ad litem services, broken down by county and provider. — Anne Rabbitte. [33982/17]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of her department's review of the ABC scheme; her views on its effectiveness; her plans to continue funding these centres after December 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [33983/17]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way her department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34027/17]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the investment by her department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34062/17]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to the recent private members debate in Dáil Éireann on childcare, her plans to increase pay for ECCE year from 38 weeks to 42 weeks in view of the fact her department requires service providers to pay staff for 42 weeks. — Robert Troy. [34100/17]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to examine service providers in areas of high disadvantage and high deprivation with a view to introducing a scheme similar to DEIS in primary and secondary schools. — Robert Troy. [34101/17]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the first and full year cost of restoring the school completion programme to pre 2011 levels. — Anne Rabbitte. [34165/17]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a detailed breakdown of planned expenditure on the childcare measures that will be put in place in September 2017. — Anne Rabbitte. [34166/17]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 669 of 9 May 2017, the number of whole-time equivalent social workers in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in tabular form; the whole-time equivalent social worker target for these years; and the funding that was allocated for the provision of these posts for the years in question. — Anne Rabbitte. [34167/17]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she has taken to develop data collection within Tusla and her department. — Anne Rabbitte. [34168/17]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the procurement process for a training partner for Tusla to implement the CPW strategy. — Anne Rabbitte. [34169/17]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in foster care that have not been allocated a social worker, broken down by priority level and the number of weeks waiting. — Anne Rabbitte. [34170/17]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average waiting time for a child to be allocated a social care worker. — Anne Rabbitte. [34171/17]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the children first e-learning module has been made available to those working with children in the voluntary and unpaid sector. — Anne Rabbitte. [34172/17]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has recruited a full time data protection officer, as per its 2017 business plan. — Anne Rabbitte. [34173/17]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has published a revised child protection and welfare handbook in line with children first requirements. — Anne Rabbitte. [34174/17]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding that her department assigned in 2016 and to date in 2017 to the hidden harm programme. — Anne Rabbitte. [34175/17]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she plans to continue the hidden harm and nurture programmes after the withdrawal of an organisation (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [34177/17]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the joint protocol between gardaí and Tusla with regard to the children first guidelines. — Anne Rabbitte. [34178/17]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an ICT director has been recruited within Tusla. — Anne Rabbitte. [34179/17]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of Tusla's ICT strategy. — Anne Rabbitte. [34180/17]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if it is possible to access Tusla's stored centralised procurement database. — Anne Rabbitte. [34181/17]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding her department assigned to Tusla for learning and development in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and the amount of this funding that was spent in each year. — Anne Rabbitte. [34182/17]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full time posts in Tusla's employee wellbeing and welfare unit. — Anne Rabbitte. [34183/17]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average recruitment time for social care workers in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017. — Anne Rabbitte. [34184/17]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding her department has made available to childcare providers for non contact time since 2011, broken down by year. — Anne Rabbitte. [34185/17]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of posts on the advisory council for better outcomes, better futures that are filled by members of her department. — Anne Rabbitte. [34188/17]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of times the advisory council for better outcomes, better futures has met since its establishment. — Anne Rabbitte. [34189/17]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated full year cost of paying ECCE workers the living wage of €11.50 per hour; and the estimated cost of paying ECCE workers the living wage of €11.50 per hour for 38, 41 and 44 weeks of the year, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34215/17]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her department will release the necessary capital funding to help sustain a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [34311/17]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the delay in delivering the funding to six childcare projects in County Cork promised by her department six months ago. — Mick Barry. [34312/17]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her department has considered the ramifications for young persons that will no longer receive counselling services under the school completion programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34414/17]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide figures on school attendance and participation among traveller children from 2016/2017 or the latest date available and for all years since 2000. — Thomas Byrne. [34511/17]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the approximate cost of reintroducing the visiting teachers service for travellers in budget 2018. — Thomas Byrne. [34512/17]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her department has undertaken studies of school attendance and participation among children living in homeless households; if so, if she will provide figures on school attendance and participation; if not, the reason therefor; and if she will establish such a study. — Thomas Byrne. [34513/17]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she plans to accept applications from communities seeking funding for resource centres. — Robert Troy. [34666/17]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the LGBT youth strategy; the timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34691/17]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the operation of the area based childhood programme; the projects awarded funding under this scheme, by amount awarded and county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34695/17]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 1934 of 20 June 2017, the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34848/17]

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

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her proposed changes to the qualifying criteria for a community employment scheme, in particular for persons wishing to roll over to a second year and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [33633/17]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of children under 18 years of age that live in consistent poverty. — Anne Rabbitte. [34186/17]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of children under 18 years of age that live in consistent poverty before social transfers. — Anne Rabbitte. [34187/17]

\*1177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remove the means test requirement for households in which a mature student wishes to return to education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [34308/17]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the types of job schemes that are available to young persons with learning disabilities and mental health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34409/17]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to address the unemployment blackspots in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34416/17]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the rollout of the State's job matching service, jobsIreland.ie; the reason the launch date was delayed due to technical issues in 2016 forcing employers to re register for the service; the number of complaints received to date in relation to the site; the costs associated with setting up and maintaining the website; and her plans to review the tender process relating to the website. — Niall Collins. [34714/17]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on reports of bogus self-employment (details supplied); and if her department commissioned a report or instigated analysis of the issues at play. — Niall Collins. [34715/17]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33586/17]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a claim for FIS by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33593/17]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care application by a person (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [33635/17]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33684/17]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33689/17]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that gained employment in County Tipperary following referral to the Turas Nua scheme since the scheme was introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33693/17]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33804/17]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to address the current qualifying criteria for the widowed surviving civil partner parent grant; her further plans to extend this grant to children of long term cohabiting parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [33845/17]



\*1190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person's mortgage repayments are taken into account when calculating a person's allowance entitlement as part of the family income supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [33907/17]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can appeal a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34023/17]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34038/17]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the investment by her department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34073/17]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34089/17]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34096/17]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to amend the free travel scheme to cater for such persons that are not entitled to the travel scheme but that are severely ill or disabled with limited means. — Robert Troy. [34149/17]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [34216/17]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal in relation to an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [34217/17]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [34218/17]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money paid out humanitarian assistance scheme per annum in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34237/17]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average waiting times for payment under the humanitarian assistance scheme in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [34238/17]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons aged 65 years of age that are currently in receipt of jobseeker's allowance or jobseeker's benefit; the way this has changed in each year since 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34255/17]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are delays in her department in issuing payments that fall under her department's remit; if so, the payments that are affected; the timeframe the payment is supposed to be paid in; the actual time it is taking to issue the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [34301/17]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of complaints since commencement to date that have been made against the two companies tasked with delivering jobpath; the actions taken to investigate such complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [34302/17]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions she will take following the Citizens Assembly's recommendations regarding the need for a mandatory pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [34303/17]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons by payment that have been refused a social welfare payment; the number that subsequently were awarded a payment on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [34304/17]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be reached in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of a carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34435/17]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision to refuse an exceptional needs payment can be reviewed as part of an appeal in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34436/17]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34437/17]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing can be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34440/17]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedure to be followed to facilitate a new version of an application for a PPS number for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34441/17]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a photo ID services card has been refused in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34447/17]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the correct level of rent support available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34448/17]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated amount that could be raised from increasing employers PRSI towards the EU effective average rate of 20%, that is, by increasing the effective rate by 1%, 2% or 5%. — Ruth Coppinger. [34587/17]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing all weekly jobseeker's payments and the back to education allowance to €188, €200, €204 and €210. — Ruth Coppinger. [34588/17]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34589/17]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34590/17]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of restoring the fuel allowance by extending the season by six weeks. — Ruth Coppinger. [34591/17]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reintroducing the telephone allowance. — Ruth Coppinger. [34592/17]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing all weekly social welfare rates to €200, €204 and €210. — Ruth Coppinger. [34593/17]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reversing all cuts and changes to child benefit since 2008. — Ruth Coppinger. [34594/17]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of introducing a universal State pension of €250. — Ruth Coppinger. [34595/17]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reversing all cuts and changes to the one parent family payment since 2008. — Ruth Coppinger. [34596/17]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the back to school clothing and footwear allowance by €50. — Ruth Coppinger. [34597/17]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of extending paid maternity leave to 42 weeks or 52 weeks. — Ruth Coppinger. [34598/17]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of extending paid maternity leave to 42 weeks and 52 weeks. — Ruth Coppinger. [34599/17]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of making 18 months of shareable paid maternity and paternity leave available to parents. — Ruth Coppinger. [34600/17]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of increasing maternity benefit to €300 a week. — Ruth Coppinger. [34601/17]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of consistent poverty at risk of poverty and deprivation rate for those not at work due to an illness or a disability; the way these figures compare to the European average and the OECD average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34634/17]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all Intreo offices are accessible for those with a disability; if not, the locations of offices which are not accessible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34636/17]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she plans to take to address the situation whereby those that are forced to retire at 65 years of age must claim jobseeker's allowance until they reach retirement age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34637/17]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to raise public awareness of eligibility for family income supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34689/17]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the introduction of a working family payment proposed in the programme for partnership government; the way the proposed payment will differ from family income supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34690/17]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34740/17]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for a disability appeal by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34741/17]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for a disability appeal by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34742/17]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a carer's allowance review for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34743/17]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34744/17]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34745/17]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34746/17]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34747/17]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34748/17]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of farm assist and the amount paid in each county, in each of the years from 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34766/17]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in view of the increasingly precarious nature of part time work, she will review the regulations regarding the number of days in which a recipient

of jobseeker's benefit who works part time must be available for work for a full day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34819/17]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 2040 of 20 June 2017 the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34856/17]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that are being taken to ease unemployment specifically in the blackspots identified in census 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [30474/17]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the latest unemployment data in the CSO census 2016 summary results part 2. — Niall Collins. [30514/17]

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

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of new single dwellings constructed since 2007 which have a BER cert; and the estimated number which do not have a BER cert. — Barry Cowen. [33846/17]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated cost of refunding all those that paid water charges. — Ruth Coppinger. [34541/17]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated annual revenue that could be raised from a vacant site tax of 3%, 6%, 10% and 20% in 2018, 2019 and 2020. — Ruth Coppinger. [34544/17]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated annual revenue that could be raised from a tax on residential properties vacant for over one year of 3%, 6%, 10% and 20%. — Ruth Coppinger. [34545/17]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the projects awarded funding by the social innovation fund by county and amount awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34693/17]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will bring forward changes to the tenant purchase scheme which will make this scheme more accessible for tenants of local authority properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [33590/17]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the criteria for incremental increases as set out for an employee of a local authority that was employed in a acting roll for a number of years and that subsequently was appointed to that roll in a fulltime capacity, in view of the fact that the local authority will not recognise the years they had been acting and subsequently they were not awarded incremental credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33601/17]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason no public consultation meetings were held regarding the application for a licence for the mechanical

harvesting of kelp in Bantry Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33602/17]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the level of research his department has conducted on lowering the voting age to 16; and his views on the necessity for a referendum on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33654/17]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to collate or mandate a public body to collate voter turnout statistics by demographic particularly by age to improve voter accessibility and information. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33655/17]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the establishment of an electoral commission; if he has a proposed timeline or target date for establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33656/17]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the various local authorities were requested to make the necessary arrangements to provide for an accelerated housing programme; the degree to which action has been taking place as a result; if he has satisfied himself that the response to date is sufficient to meet the requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33657/17]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which serviced or serviceable lands, zoned or unzoned have been identified by each of the local authorities in the greater Dublin area to facilitate a rapid build housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33658/17]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which he entered into dialogue with the local authorities with a view to ensuring the immediate implementation of a local authority housing programme sufficient to address the problem of homelessness in addition to reducing the existing local authority housing waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33659/17]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the local authorities in the greater Dublin area that are responding most positively to the need for an urgent response to the housing shortage in terms of local authority and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33660/17]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of homeless persons in County Kildare that have been offered and have received accommodation from the local authority in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33662/17]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which funding is available to Kildare county council to address the local authority housing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33663/17]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which plans are afoot to reactivate stalled building sites such as the town centre at Naas, County Kildare; if he will ensure ready access to the logistics required with particular reference to enabling



the development to take place immediately after the ongoing disputes have been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33665/17]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if partially constructed building sites such as at the abandoned town centre at Naas, County Kildare are likely to be required to restart the planning process or rely on the existing permissions with obvious implications for the restart of the development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33666/17]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of families rehoused by Kildare county council in each of the past two years and to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33667/17]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to facilitate the urgent restart of development on house building sites throughout the greater Dublin area with particular reference to the urgent need to bring new houses onto the market as early as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33668/17]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of houses and new housing starts in each of the counties immediately adjacent to Dublin city and county over the past 12 months; the expectation in this regard in the next six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33669/17]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the extent to which facilities are available to meet the housing needs of the indigenous rural population by way of ensuring an adequate number of houses in keeping with good planning principles to facilitate in so far as is possible the indigenous needs of those living in rural areas thereby reducing the impact on housing lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33670/17]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if NAMA may again be approached with a view to the possible availability of extra housing to meet the pressing needs of local authority housing applicants throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33671/17]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of private housing completions in 2016 and to date in 2017 in Dublin city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33673/17]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social housing completions in 2016 and to date in 2017 in Dublin city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33674/17]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of affordable housing completions in 2016 and to date in 2017 in Dublin city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33675/17]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current number of homeless families in Dublin city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33676/17]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current number of homeless children in Dublin city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33677/17]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current number of households in Dublin city in receipt of the housing assistance payment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33678/17]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current average residential property rental cost in Dublin city and Dublin north city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33679/17]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current average cost residential property sale price in Dublin city and Dublin north city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33680/17]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has explored the number of potential development sites held by investors due to the seven year capital gains tax exemption; and his views on whether this is a significant source of land hoarding. — Barry Cowen. [33708/17]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of HAP persons to date in each county and year. — Barry Cowen. [33709/17]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of households with children that have become newly homeless each month in Dublin since January 2014 to date in 2017. — Barry Cowen. [33710/17]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the funding for current housing programmes capital housing programmes from his department in each of the years 2000 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Barry Cowen. [33711/17]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of homeless households that have progressed from temporary emergency accommodation to permanent housing in the social housing or private housing sector in each month since January 2015 to June 2017 or latest date available for the Dublin region. — Barry Cowen. [33712/17]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of vacant social houses brought back into productive use with aide from his department in each of the years 2015 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the estimated number of long term voids and short term vacant social housing units to date in each local authority. — Barry Cowen. [33713/17]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount that has been spent under the local infrastructure housing activation fund to date in 2017; if he will provide a list of projects, a brief description and the locations of each; the areas in which funding was allocated; and the number of housing units each funding allocation has facilitated or will facilitate. — Barry Cowen. [33714/17]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to reintroduce a tenant purchase scheme to allow tenants of a specified number of years and that meet other criteria, purchase their home; when he will introduce such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [33715/17]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of applications to the mortgage to rent scheme; the number of mortgage to rent transactions that

have been fully completed to date in 2017, by lender, local authority and approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33757/17]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of mortgage to rent applications rejected on the grounds of ineligibility per year since the scheme's creation broken down by reason for ineligibility, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [33758/17]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of money which was spent by his department in 2016 on external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33905/17]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the assessment on page 81 of the expert report on concrete bricks (details supplied); and his plans to remove the opt out from the BCAR regulations. — Barry Cowen. [33992/17]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on housing demand assessments in relation to local area development plans (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [33993/17]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he expects the independent audit of housing construction costs to be published; and the stakeholder groups and independent experts whose views have been surveyed for the audit. — Barry Cowen. [33994/17]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he expects the vacant housing strategy to be published. — Barry Cowen. [33995/17]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated number of section 5 declarations given by each local authority in the latest year available; and the estimated number nationally each year. — Barry Cowen. [33996/17]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has a statutory or rule of thumb definition guiding policy proposals for affordability limits in terms of household income for renters. — Barry Cowen. [33997/17]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to incentivise the development of build to rent units to expand supply in the private rental market. — Barry Cowen. [33998/17]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has examined proposals to undertake a comprehensive land and property survey detailing the utilisation, vacancy levels and or occupancy of all property in each local authority area, as a means of identifying a number of issues relevant to the under utilisation of existing property, commercial or residential stock that are not covered by the census; and if he will initiate a pilot study of such a survey. — Barry Cowen. [33999/17]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the approximate income from section 48 development levies in 2016 and 2017. — Barry Cowen. [34000/17]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 618 of 4 July 2017, if he will provide a response to the question in terms of the estimated cost for extending the development contribution rebate scheme for build to rent properties (details supplied); and if the rebate was only given for units rented below an affordable price point, as defined by his department. — Barry Cowen. [34001/17]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34031/17]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34066/17]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way in which a licence for the mechanical harvesting of kelp in Bantry bay was issued without an environmental impact assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [34097/17]

\*1304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the working group review of an organisation (details supplied) regulations; the number of meetings held to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [34240/17]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the senior counsel investigation into certain planning matters in County Donegal; the timeframe involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [34245/17]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of housing units and size of the overall housing estate owned or managed by the registered voluntary housing bodies in 2016 and 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [34267/17]

\*1307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of housing tenancy units and size of the overall housing estate of each of the county and city councils in 2016 and 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [34268/17]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the legislation governing the regulation of the voluntary housing bodies and agencies; his plans to introduce a comprehensive new regulation in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [34269/17]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social housing units directly built or provided by each county and city councils in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [34270/17]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of new tenant purchase scheme transactions entered into by local authority tenants with Cork city

council and with Cork county council in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [34285/17]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34298/17]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the mechanisms in place to enable local authorities to provide for affordable housing schemes under the current guidelines; if funding is available for local authorities for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34305/17]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of HAP recipients per local authority; the number of households eligible for HAP; the number of households in receipt of HAP in which one or more householder is working; the amount of funding allocated through the HAP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34309/17]

\*1314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his departmental remit to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided; when such provisions are expected to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34320/17]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the provision of planning guidelines for solar powered developments nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [34322/17]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the steps he has taken to ensure that businesses sell long term vacant units in town centres in Enniscorthy and Wexford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34410/17]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether the Gorey area in County Wexford should be marked as a rent pressure zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34429/17]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if sufficient funding is available to Kildare county council to facilitate progress on housing repairs and the restoration of voids; if he will ensure the availability of sufficient funds to meet the requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34444/17]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the total spend on homeless services by his department and agencies under the aegis of his department for each year since 2013; and the estimated spend for 2017 and 2018. — Ruth Coppinger. [34561/17]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current average construction cost of a new social housing unit; and the average construction costs of 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed and 4 bed social housing units. — Ruth Coppinger. [34562/17]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason he has still not published a review commissioned by his department in September 2015 to develop a framework for general application in homes in which concerns had been raised regarding fire safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34631/17]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the successful launch of an affordable housing scheme in Ballymun (details supplied); his plans to support local authorities in replicating this scheme elsewhere; the details of the €10 million that was set aside from the sale of Bord Gáis for an affordable housing pilot scheme in budget 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34679/17]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of full time staff within his department with specific responsibility for social housing policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34684/17]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 675 of 4 July 2017, if his department has projected the number of affordable units on each site; the number of affordable units as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34685/17]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the operation of the RAPID scheme; the projects awarded funding under this scheme, by amount awarded and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34694/17]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce an affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34700/17]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the fact that the cost of housing is neither affordable nor sustainable; and the steps he is taking to drive down the cost of housing. — Róisín Shortall. [34701/17]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will provide specific funding to Dublin city council to build sheltered accommodation for senior citizens in order that it can operate the financial contribution scheme in view of its success in the past; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34702/17]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to increase the funding available in 2017 for group sewerage schemes; and his further plans to approve the Marlinstown group sewerage scheme in Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [34738/17]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will produce guidelines in relation to the assessment of the climate impact of renewable energy developments on peatlands including degraded peatlands, as requested by Friends of the Irish Environment. — Catherine Martin. [34825/17]



\*1331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the provisions within national planning legislation to ensure developers of large residential developments have to contribute towards the development of new school place and school amenities that are required as the result of the new population in an area; and his views on whether there should be provision under Part V or section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to ensure a development contribution is made to local school facilities. — Thomas Byrne. [34830/17]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether amendments are required to planning legislation to enable schools in conjunction with local planning authorities to introduce no fry zones or healthy eating zone in the vicinity of their schools; and his further views on fry zones around schools. — Thomas Byrne. [34831/17]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when consultation on the draft legislative provisions for his department to transpose Directive 2014/52/EU introducing substantial amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU will be provided; the timeframe for such provisions to be initiated (details supplied); the basis on which these provisions will be introduced; if provisions related to the 2014/52/EU have already been made by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34835/17]

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the guidelines for the definition of affordable housing; the way in which he came to the conclusion that housing is affordable; the ratio of affordable to social housing under part V; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34839/17]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the new tenant purchase scheme will be introduced. — Robert Troy. [34890/17]

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

\*1336. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34029/17]

\*1337. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34064/17]

\*1338. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost of introducing a minimum wage of €15 an hour for all employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34585/17]

\*1339. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost to introduce a minimum weekly gross wage of €600 for all full time employees under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34586/17]

\*1340. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the provisions available to a person of the Defence Forces under (details supplied) the way in which a promotion under this guideline should be made in accordance with the operational guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [34815/17]

\*1341. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to parliamentary question number 2289 of 20 June 2017 the number of former TDs that applied for board positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [34857/17]

\*1342. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views regarding his department's survey on whether there is a widespread concern among the focus groups that the loss of experience and corporate knowledge is reaching a critical point in the Defence Forces and that it is already affecting operational readiness and capability; and the actions he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34863/17]

\*1343. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views regarding the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that officers and NCOs at all levels raised the issue of privates' pay (details supplied); and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34864/17]

\*1344. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that that pay was directly impacting on turnover levels of privates in the Defence Forces (details supplied); and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34865/17]

\*1345. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that it is clear from the data available and from the focus groups that there are significant middle management gaps at barrack and unit level within the Defence Forces (details supplied); and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34866/17]

\*1346. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that all of the focus groups from private to senior officers reported severe shortages of officers in unit and that the individual consequences of these gaps for officers are increased workload and so on (details supplied); and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34867/17]

\*1347. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether there is evidence from the focus groups of a dysfunctional cycle of turnover developing in view of the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey; and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34868/17]

\*1348. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether there is a pervasive perception that the senior leaders of the Defence Forces are not representing their troops in the manner they expect in view of the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey; and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34869/17]

\*1349. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that there is a sense of disconnect with the general staff; and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34870/17]

\*1350. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on whether there is a need to review the relationship between his department, the Defence Forces and the representative bodies and that there is a perception across rank and service that this relationship is not a collaborative one in view of the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey; and the steps he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34871/17]

\*1351. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that there is a leadership vacuum being experienced at unit level (details supplied); and the action he will take on foot of this finding. — Lisa Chambers. [34872/17]