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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach further to Regulation EC No 138/2004 of 5 December 2003, on the economic accounts for agriculture in the Community EEA, the EEA figures supplied by Ireland to the EU since the introduction of the Regulation by the different agri sectors; and the details of the calculations, in tabular form. — Noel Grealish. [35047/17]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the value of imports from Britain by SITC rev 4 category in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35552/17]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the value of exports to Britain by SITC rev 4 category in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35553/17]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the value of imports from Northern Ireland by SITC rev 4 category in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35554/17]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the value of exports to Northern Ireland by SITC rev 4 category in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35555/17]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the county origin of goods exported to Britain by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35556/17]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach the county destination of goods imported from Britain by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35557/17]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach the county origin of goods exported to Northern Ireland by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35558/17]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach the county destination of goods imported from Northern Ireland by SITC rev 4 in 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35559/17]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of exports to Britain through each port by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35560/17]

*11. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of imports from Britain through each port by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35561/17]

*12. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of exports to Britain through each airport by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35581/17]

*13. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of imports from Britain through each airport by SITC rev 4 for each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35582/17]

*14. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of exports to Northern Ireland by rail by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35584/17]

*15. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of imports from Northern Ireland by rail by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35585/17]

*16. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of exports to Northern Ireland by road haulage by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35586/17]

*17. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of imports from Northern Ireland by road haulage by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35587/17]

*18. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of exports to Northern Ireland by sea by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35588/17]

*19. To ask the Taoiseach the tonnage of imports from Northern Ireland by sea by SITC rev 4 in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [35589/17]

*20. To ask the Taoiseach the annual exchequer funding provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions for 2017 and in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [35711/17]

*21. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met church leaders. — Micheál Martin. [34892/17]

*22. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have met with a person (details supplied). — Micheál Martin. [34930/17]

*23. To ask the Taoiseach the rate of unemployment for those not at work due to an illness or a disability; and the way this compares to the European average and the OECD average. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34635/17]

*24. To ask the Taoiseach if his department is improving services and increasing supports for persons with disabilities during 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [34986/17]

*25. To ask the Taoiseach the investment by his department since March 2016 in County Louth and parts of east County Meath. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34987/17]

*26. To ask the Taoiseach if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35234/17]

*27. To ask the Taoiseach the status of funding for a group (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [35459/17]

*28. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount. — Catherine Murphy. [35495/17]

*29. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will interact with persons and relevant stakeholders. — Micheál Martin. [35528/17]

*30. To ask the Taoiseach if he held interviews for positions in the strategic communications unit; and the way in which persons were appointed to same. — Micheál Martin. [35529/17]

*31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the government press secretary role and the spokesperson role; the difference between the two roles; the roles they both will hold in GIS; and the reporting relationship of same. — Micheál Martin. [35530/17]

*32. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed in the strategic communications unit; the roles they will play; and the cost of same. — Micheál Martin. [35531/17]

*33. To ask the Taoiseach the role the strategic communications unit will have with the GIS; and if it will be part of or separate to the GIS. — Micheál Martin. [35532/17]

*34. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will be founded; and if it is separate and in addition to the GIS. — Micheál Martin. [35533/17]

*35. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will have a role with each government department. — Micheál Martin. [35534/17]

*36. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will interact with the GIS if it is to be separate; and the proposed reporting relationship between the two. — Micheál Martin. [35535/17]

*37. To ask the Taoiseach if the strategic communications unit will be working with each government department separately through each press adviser; if it will be working through each government department's press office; and if it will operate through civil servants or political staff. — Micheál Martin. [35536/17]

*38. To ask the Taoiseach the pay scales of the staff in the strategic communications unit; and the pay scales of those working in the GIS. — Micheál Martin. [35537/17]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach the pay scales of the government press secretary; and the payscale of his spokesperson. — Micheál Martin. [35538/17]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach if he or officials in his department had to obtain clearance to employ persons in the strategic communications unit. — Micheál Martin. [35539/17]

*41. To ask the Taoiseach the number of non civil servants employed in his department particularly in the area of communication for the action plan for jobs. — Micheál Martin. [35540/17]

*42. To ask the Taoiseach the way the strategic communications unit will be policy and not politically based; and the roles his officials will play in supervising same. — Micheál Martin. [35541/17]

*43. To ask the Taoiseach the reporting relationship of the strategic communications unit. — Micheál Martin. [35542/17]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach the role of the strategic communications unit and merriionstreet.ie. — Micheál Martin. [35543/17]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May recently regarding Northern Ireland. — Micheál Martin. [35545/17]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach if he has written to Prime Minister May regarding implementing outstanding issues from the St Andrews Agreement. — Micheál Martin. [35546/17]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to or written to Prime Minister May to address the outstanding issues in relation to the Dublin and Monaghan bombings. — Micheál Martin. [35547/17]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach the areas in which there is an underspend or in which spending is under profile to date in 2017 in his department. — Micheál Martin. [35548/17]

*49. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff within his department which will be based in the new strategic information unit; the annual budget of the unit; if the staff will be established civil servants or unestablished temporary positions; and the relationship between the existing departmental press office and the new unit. — Niall Collins. [35660/17]

*50. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the national debt on the national balance sheet (details supplied); and the other debts classified within the government sector for national debt by department adding up to the overall debt. — Sean Fleming. [35988/17]

*51. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the issue of immigration reform in the United States with President Trump. — Brendan Smith. [36030/17]

*52. To ask the Taoiseach the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations. — Sean Fleming. [36164/17]

*53. To ask the Taoiseach the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36574/17]

*54. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case. — Michael McGrath. [36737/17]

*55. To ask the Taoiseach if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end. — Michael McGrath. [36753/17]

*56. To ask the Taoiseach the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same. — Michael McGrath. [36769/17]

*57. To ask the Taoiseach the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department. — Catherine Murphy. [36859/17]

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

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35016/17]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when the Bill in relation to the application of the Working Time Directive to members of An Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces is likely to be presented to Dáil Éireann. — Mick Barry. [35169/17]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the annual exchequer funding provided to the ODCE for 2017 and in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [35711/17]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of farm inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Authority by county in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35980/17]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the fines that have been imposed by the EU on the State for the late implementation of EU law that come under the remit of her department in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [34976/17]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the EU directives not yet transposed into law; the EU imposed deadline for transposition of these; and the estimated date for transposition into law. — Maurice Quinlivan. [34977/17]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn the practice of bogus self employment in the construction industry; the extent to which the practice is to be found in the industry; the steps she will take to end the practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34979/17]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when the Bill relating to the application of the Working Time Directive to members of An Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces is to be presented to Dáil Éireann. — Mick Barry. [35168/17]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from her department and agencies under the aegis of her department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps she has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if she has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35230/17]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if his attention has been drawn to serious design flaws regarding the loading bays at the new Poolbeg incinerator (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [35238/17]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an advanced facility project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [35363/17]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she received the annual report of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission by 30 June 2017 as required under section 30 of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014; if not, the reason for the delay; and when she plans to publish the annual report. — Alan Kelly. [35368/17]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to make appointments of members of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) in view of the fact the current membership of only three is the statutory minimum membership and the workload of the CCPC requires a membership of four or five. — Alan Kelly. [35369/17]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there is currently no qualified lawyer on the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) following recent retirements; and if she will prioritise the appointment of a qualified lawyer as a member of the CCPC as is the norm in all such equivalent competition enforcement agencies in the European Union. — Alan Kelly. [35370/17]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of visits the IDA has made to counties Cavan, Monaghan, Meath and all other counties in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35428/17]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans for a site (details supplied); the timeframe in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35433/17]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the amount spent by her department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35491/17]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the actions her department has taken, in view of the recent Eurostat report which found that the State was the second most expensive country in the EU for goods and services; the discussions she has had with the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission with regard to measures to protect consumers and reduce the cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36064/17]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the funding to be provided by her department in 2017 for the community enterprise initiative scheme and the competitive regional fund to assist in the development of enterprise centres and work space in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36094/17]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to review the Employment Permits Act, whereby an advertisement relating to the proposed employment has to run in a national newspaper for three days as is required under regulations 31(1) and 44 (1) of

The Employment Permits Regulations 2017 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36131/17]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from her department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with her department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36160/17]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the additional supports that have been put in place to date to assist businesses that are heavily or totally dependent on Northern Ireland or the British market for an export market, in view of the uncertainty that has arisen due to Brexit and currency fluctuations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36267/17]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the manner in which her department has collaborated with the IFA and Enterprise Ireland to promote economic growth in south Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36474/17]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in her department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on her department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36570/17]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the detail of each specific EU Competitiveness Council Ministers' meeting at which she made the case for the need for a revision of state aid rules of Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 to protect Irish enterprises and related jobs during the UK's two year exit phase from the EU and the subsequent transition phase; the date of every such meeting at which this was raised, in tabular form; the status of progress being made at EU level to increase current state aid thresholds to support Irish enterprises in the event of a hard Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36711/17]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of cases of bogus self employment dealt with by WRC labour inspectors over the 2014 to 2016 period and to date in 2017. — Niall Collins. [36714/17]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation further to the publication of the Company Law Review Group Report on the Protection of Employees and Unsecured Creditors, when she will give a timetable to implement the recommendations for increasing transparency and oversight in the way in which employees and creditors are dealt with in insolvency; her views on each finding of the report (details supplied); and her further views on whether legislative changes are needed. — Niall Collins. [36720/17]

*85. 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 in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017; 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. [36721/17]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff in her department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36733/17]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if there will be an underspend in her department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in her department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36749/17]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of protected disclosures received from staff in her department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36765/17]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36856/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be changes implemented to the primary medical certificate decision process and criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35190/17]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the appointment only service being brought into the Revenue Commissioners office in Dundalk, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35206/17]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if he was consulted on the withdrawal of the seafarers allowance for the workers of a company (details supplied) in 2013; the reason the seafarers allowance was taken away from the workers when it had previously been granted; the person that ultimately made the decision to withdraw the allowance; if it can be brought back for those workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [35422/17]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected by the exchequer by way of the environmental levy on plastic bags for the past three years to date; if in a situation in which a retailer sells a plastic bag to a customer for a price above the 22 cent levy, the excess amount is liable for VAT; the amount of VAT collected in respect of plastic bags sold above the 22 cent price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35479/17]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to improve the criteria for qualification for the primary medical certificate; when he plans to have the review of this scheme finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35928/17]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to relax the criteria for the primary medical certificate for children with a disability that are not currently eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36233/17]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the exchequer of proposals by an organisation (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [36715/17]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the exchequer of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [36718/17]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the debt which is listed under the National Treasury Management Agency. — Sean Fleming. [35988/17]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a tax refund for 2016 for a person (details supplied) in County Cork having ceased employment in February. — Sean Sherlock. [34917/17]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the purpose of the government levy on car insurance; when it commenced; when it will cease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [34956/17]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make the provision of electric car charging points in work car parks exempt from being treated as a benefit in kind for PAYE, PRSI and USC purposes in order to encourage more employers and employees to encourage the use of electric cars for environmental purposes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34957/17]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the follow up searches that were undertaken further to the recent discovery by persons of substantial quantities of drugs off the west coast in late June 2017; the additional resources that have been allocated to customs officials to enable them to follow up on this drug find; his views on whether customs officials have obtained greater intelligence on the drug smugglers that are using the west coast to illegally import narcotics due to this unplanned find; his further views on whether the Customs Service has the sufficient level of resources it needs in order to intercept and find drug smugglers importing drugs via the west coast route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [35021/17]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the transposition of EU Directive 2016/97 on insurance distribution; the way in which each of the discretions allowed will be handled; his plans to ban commission in respect of IBIPs which are sold on the basis of independent advice; if the definition of the term independent in this context will be clarified; if the difference between MIFID products and products falling under the IDD will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35045/17]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter raised in correspondence concerning a loan sale by NAMA (details supplied). — Michael McGrath. [35070/17]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance if progress has been made in discussions at European level to designate defibrillators at a zero rate of VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35100/17]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on and his plans to implement the ruling of the European Court of Justice (details supplied) which appears to indicate that Irish citizens have a right under EU law to drive a car they own which is registered in another member state in Ireland if it is intended essentially for use in another member state; the timeframe for the legislation to implement the EU ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [35112/17]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the name of the person nominated by the State to the European Union expert committee on illicit trade in tobacco; and the extent to which he has verified that this person has no conflicts of interest. — Louise O'Reilly. [35178/17]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35227/17]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the tax credits for single carers and jointly assessed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35283/17]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase the home carer's tax and income thresholds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35284/17]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific steps he has taken to reduce and curtail the spiralling costs of car insurance and HGV insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35318/17]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if interest on home loans are tax deductible. — Clare Daly. [35335/17]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected timeframe for payments following judgements to be forwarded to the liquidator in a case (details supplied); the status from the liquidator of the company regarding meeting its obligation to fund the balance of 35% of claims; the stage the liquidation process is currently at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Halligan. [35395/17]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review and intervene to prevent the loss of a service (details supplied) to the towns affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35423/17]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35488/17]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to tackle the problem of illegal money lenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35526/17]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that are exempt from USC from €0 to €13,000; the number of persons in ranges (details supplied) subject to USC. — Pearse Doherty. [35638/17]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue from introducing an additional USC rate of 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6% and 7% respectively on individual income above €150,000 (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [35639/17]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason paternity benefit is tax free while maternity benefit is taxable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35690/17]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the recourse available to a mortgage holder who fell into mortgage arrears during the economic downturn (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35693/17]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacant homes in possession in each of the State backed banks in each of the past 12 months; the number of these homes that were offered to the housing agency as per actions 1.1, 2.5 and 5.6 of Rebuilding Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35697/17]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will investigate the way a vulture fund (details supplied) is able to seek court orders for the repossession of homes on distressed mortgages that were purchased from a bank that did not hold the title deeds in view of the fact they were never transferred legally from a bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35716/17]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance if a vulture fund (details supplied) is regulated by the Central Bank; if it must adhere to the mortgage arrears resolution process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35720/17]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to a request by an association (details supplied) regarding the VAT rate on hospitality and tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35749/17]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met with hauliers or an organisation (details supplied) in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35782/17]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield to the exchequer from the introduction of a third rate of income tax at 48%, 49% and 50% respectively on incomes of over €100,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35794/17]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the relief granted to resident and non resident persons with a non resident spouse in relation to the non-resident aggregation relief tax credit can be greater than the relief that would be granted on the basis of joint assessment to a tax resident couple; his views on whether this is fair; if he will review the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [35850/17]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the nature of his Ministry of two departments including by reference to the role of the Houses of the Oireachtas in holding him to account (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35885/17]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the merits of a ban on surcharges on credit and debit cards in view of the decision by the treasury in the United Kingdom regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35935/17]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the law firms currently working or that have worked for NAMA; and the fees paid to each in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [35936/17]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of additional revenue that would be generated if the betting tax was increased from 1% to 3% and 5% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35956/17]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield through the implementation of a vacant property tax of 2.5%, 5%, 7.5% and 10% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35963/17]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that would be raised in 2018 if the minimum effective tax rate of persons earning in excess of €300,000 per year increased from 30% to 35%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35970/17]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the national debt on the national balance sheet; the debt which is listed under the National Treasury Management Agency; all other debts classified within the government sector for national debt by department adding up to the overall debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35987/17]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) to assist them obtain a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35998/17]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross national income impact on gross and net debt, current, past and future, in tabular form; his plans to use this statistical method for budget statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36003/17]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross and net debt positions as a percentage of GDP and GNI following the publication of the 2016 national accounts update in July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36006/17]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the factors influencing the difference between gross and net debt including an arithmetical reconciliation for 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36007/17]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessed value of the State's remaining banking investments by institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36008/17]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross debt to gross national income star ratio for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36009/17]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage share of voted and non voted expenditure of GDP and GNI for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36010/17]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of interest repayments on the national debt for each of the years 2012 and to date in 2017, in monetary terms, as a percentage of GDP, as a percentage of GNI and as a percentage of both voted and non voted expenditure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36012/17]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of non-voted expenditure in 2016 and to date in 2017; his plans to introduce additional transparency into the deployment of non-voted expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36013/17]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the rules in place for the utilisation of the expected surplus that NAMA will transfer to the exchequer in or before 2020; if there are rules in place requiring this to be offset against the national debt or if it can be used for capital investment or other purposes; if there are specific Eurostat rules in place to cover an organisation like NAMA requiring that the NAMA surplus be specifically used for debt reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36138/17]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the planning that has taken place to date regarding the potential use of the expected NAMA surplus which will be transferred to the State, in view of the substantial amount of funding involved; the time taken to prepare for the best use of these funds; if some of it can be used for infrastructure, capital or other purposes, in view of the fact that NAMA may complete its work early and this surplus may be available sooner than 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36139/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36157/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the practice by motor insurance companies here of refusing to supply a motor insurance quotation to returning persons and on whose licence there are no endorsements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36243/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to deal with the escalating costs of insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36263/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to improve the conditions and criteria for the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36264/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to hold discussions with the banking sector in relation to the provision of additional financial services through An Post, in view of the concerns in rural communities in which bank branches are closing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36265/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance if his department has adopted a standard financial statement for use by all lenders and MABS to assess a borrower's financial position in line with recommendations from the Mental Health Commission and the Mortgage Arrears and Personal Debt Expert Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36270/17]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies across each functional area of the Central Bank along with the percentage vacancy rate in each section, in tabular form; the length of time these positions have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36281/17]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of abolishing the universal social charge. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36293/17]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of abolishing the universal social charge for persons earning less than €90,000. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36294/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of abolishing the universal social charge for persons earning less than €80,000. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36295/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the full year cost of abolishing the local property tax. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36296/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of all its empty properties and land banks that have not yet been sold with regard to NAMA's assets; the negotiations that have taken place to acquire these homes for social and or affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36299/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that was foregone in 2015 and 2016 and will be foregone in 2017 through tax breaks on private medical insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36300/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tax units that avail of tax breaks for childcare. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36301/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that was foregone in 2015 and 2016 and will be foregone in 2017 through tax breaks for private childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36302/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the total pre tax profits in relation to corporate profits before deductions or allowances for all firms. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36303/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue collected annually through vehicle registration tax. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36304/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that was deducted from pre tax profits for losses brought forward in the most recent available statistics. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36305/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that was deducted from pre tax profits arising from all other deductions, allowances and reliefs; the amount and the amount for each category. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36306/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be collected if extra tax bands were introduced (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36307/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be collected in a single year if the rate of USC was only applied to those earning more than €90,000. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36308/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of commercial trade that took place in shares here in 2016. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36311/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of commercial trade that took place in derivatives here in 2016. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36312/17]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of trade that took place in futures and all other financial transactions in 2016. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36313/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected in stamp duty on financial transactions. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36314/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the total household wealth here including all property and financial assets less all liabilities. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36315/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the distribution of household wealth assets amongst the population; and the percentage of those assets owned by the top 1%, 5%, 10%, 20% and 50%, respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36316/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State has foregone in tax write downs due to the use of section 110 for the latest available figures. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36317/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State has foregone in capital gains tax allowances for international investment funds for the latest available figures. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36318/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State has forgone in rental taxes for international investment funds for the latest available figures. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36319/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the size of the national debt currently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36320/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of interest that will be paid on the national debt in 2018. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36321/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of interest paid in 2017 that was contracted since 2008. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36322/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the primary exchequer surplus for 2018. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36323/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be collected by increasing stamp duty on commercial property to 6%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36324/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be raised from a tax on non family homes levied at €600 per annum for second homes and €1,000 per annum for all subsequent properties. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36325/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax that is foregone due to tax breaks for private pension contributions. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36326/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State would save if it only allowed tax breaks for private pensions at the 20% marginal rate. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36327/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount tax that is foregone due to tax breaks for private schooling. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36328/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount the State would save if it only allowed tax breaks for private schooling at the 20% marginal rate. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36329/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax foregone in research and development subsidies for the private sector. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36330/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax that was forgone due to the knowledge box in the latest available figures. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36331/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out annually in motor insurance claims from all insurance companies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36332/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that would be collected if the State increased the 9% VAT rate in the hospitality sector to its previous level. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36333/17]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that a sugar tax of 10% would bring in 2018. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36334/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 of tax reliefs and exemptions available to residential landlords. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36335/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 of tax reliefs and exemptions available to property developers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36336/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to property owners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36337/17]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual cost in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to land owners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36338/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36339/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that could be raised from imposing a 10% levy on the profits of international investment funds operating here. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36340/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of jobs created by the Irish Strategic Investment Fund in their commercial partnerships; and the locations in which these jobs were created by companies obtaining such investment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36341/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount NAMA paid out to developers for repair and maintenance of properties it once owned. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36342/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount NAMA has paid out in legal fees since its inception by year. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36343/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount NAMA has made available to developers in loan facilities to complete projects by year. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36344/17]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the options that are open to a person if they are of the view they are being discriminated against when it comes to obtaining motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36417/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps persons can take that are of the view they should be entitled to redress and compensation through the Central Bank's tracker mortgage review but that cannot access the scheme because their bank has unilaterally decided they do not qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36419/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on recent research available to his department on the relative annual direct or indirect tax burden on each household and member of the labour force and the trends in that burden since 2007 to 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36449/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the figures for the reference rate and convergence margin were arrived at in each of the years 2018 to 2021 in the recent Summer Economic Statement 2017 published by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36450/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact on budget 2018 if the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality industry were increased to 10%, 11%, 12% and 13.5%; the estimated additional yield at each rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36451/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the projections on additional tax yield if excise duties on petrol and diesel were equalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36452/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the assistance that will be given to persons faced with increasing insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36473/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress that has been made on implementing the recommendations of the motor insurance January 2017 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36542/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36567/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of the current board members of a bank (details supplied) that have been appointed in order to represent the public interest; and the full extent of reporting between such board members and the government and or its representatives. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36667/17]

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*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the exchequer of proposals by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36708/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the exchequer of proposals by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36709/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36730/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36746/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36762/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36854/17]

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

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the analysis that has been done and the steps he has taken on foot of that analysis to ensure that the midterm review of the capital plan 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. [35069/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for further restoration of Donegal castle in Donegal town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36115/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of paying all employed public sector staff on the pre 2011 pay scale. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36297/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of repealing the FEMPI legislation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36298/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress to address the situation in which part time fire fighters that are also employed in full time public service posts

are charged the pension related deduction on the full amount of their part time firefighter income despite receiving no additional pension benefit from this; his views on whether this is a disincentive for public servants to serve in part time firefighter roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36447/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures which will be put in place to open OPW sites which are currently closed to the public in particular Athlumney Castle, Navan, County Meath. — Shane Cassells. [27616/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person (details supplied) who retired from An Garda Síochána in 2004 and who subsequently took up employment with the Courts Service 11 days later is not deemed a new entrant and therefore must retire at the age of 65 years of age; the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35058/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will request the OPW to engage with a group (details supplied) that wish to improve the tourism experience in their heritage town. — Thomas Byrne. [35111/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will request the OPW to provide a second key for an important tourist attraction (details supplied) to improve the local tourism experience. — Thomas Byrne. [35123/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to proceed with the proposed playground at Oldbridge house, County Meath for which planning permission was obtained some years ago. — Thomas Byrne. [35145/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35232/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the cuts to pensions of retired public servants under FEMPI can be restored before 2021 (details supplied); if he will reassure retired public servants that parity between retirees and serving public servants will be maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [35237/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a breakwater wall will be provided for the residents of Blackrock terrace, Castletownbere at which severe tidal storms have caused a lot of damage to the houses in adverse weather; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35279/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the river can be dredged in Athea, County Limerick via an application under the minor works scheme (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [35365/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on negotiations regarding a new garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35449/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35493/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated additional cost of ensuring all civil service workers receive at least a living wage of €11.70 per hour in 2018; and the equivalent estimate for the wider public sector and semi State bodies if the requisite information is available. — Pearse Doherty. [35713/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of finalising all flood relief projects at construction or planning stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35811/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question number 349 of 20 June 2017, the progress he has made to date in retrieving from the national archives the details of public bank accounts sanctioned by the Minister for Finance in each of the years 1990 to 1992; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35860/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received the 2016 annual report for the OPW; if so, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35969/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenditure items in 2017 that are government priorities that are not included in department votes; the way in which he plans to provide for commitments on public sector pay in bringing forward provisions of the Lansdowne Road Agreement, the refund of water charges and payment in December 2017 of the Christmas bonus and other commitments not factored into spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36004/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost in 2017 of the movement forward of Lansdowne Road payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36011/17]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when printable maps of the streams and rivers which are the responsibility of the Office of Public Works for drainage purposes will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36025/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flood relief works carried out on the river Clare in County Galway as part of the Clare river Claregalway drainage scheme; the works which remain to be carried out; if flood relief works are proposed for Lisheenavallagh in Claregalway; if so, when these works will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36026/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the provision of coastal erosion protection measures at Portrane, County Dublin; the funding he has allocated for this project; the expected commencement date of work on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36029/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36162/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36280/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has as committed to in the programme for government introduced a provision whereby taxi companies that wish to bid for State procurement contracts must ensure that a minimum of 10% of their fleet is wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [36500/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36572/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the areas from which the proceeds for the planned refund by the end of the year of domestic water charges will come from; the specific department which he envisages will have underspends by the year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36637/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36735/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36751/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36767/17]

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

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a response to a request (details supplied); when sanction will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36047/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a CID application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34920/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary who must attend a special school in County Cork will be provided with school transport; the supports available to this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34921/17]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reconsider an application by a person (details supplied) for special needs equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34932/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools that are in temporary accommodation and for which a permanent site has not been fully acquired to date by his department. — Thomas Byrne. [34941/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will approve a home tuition grant for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [34943/17]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to restore grants for student teachers attendance at mandatory Gaeltacht courses. — Mary Butler. [34945/17]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to invest in third level mental health counselling for budget 2018. — Mary Butler. [34946/17]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to overturn the decision in budget 2014 to impose the new pro rata student contribution. — Mary Butler. [34947/17]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reinstate the State contribution to fund apprenticeship fees. — Mary Butler. [34948/17]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to his meeting with a delegation from a college (details supplied) on 6 June 2017, if he has received a report from the Congregation of Christian Brothers in relation to the sale of playing pitches at the college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [34985/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the detail of his department's forward planning section's contact with a school (details supplied) regarding the need for extra space in September 2017. — Ruth Coppinger. [35017/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his department's forward planning section submitted an application for planning permission for extra temporary classrooms for a school (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [35018/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a small works project will commence in a school (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the works needed are to allow a child with special needs to attend the school. — Thomas Byrne. [35046/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of funding allocated to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 7 to progress a planned development for the school to design and construction stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35048/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine the way in which the July education programme is paid to recipients later in the calendar year; if the payment date can be brought forward to when the hours in the programme are worked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35059/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will expedite the transfer of a parcel of land from a national school (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the urgency in completing this transfer. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [35065/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the HEA board minutes for its meeting of October 2014 were published; the reason they were only published after they were requested by the PAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35074/17]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount paid by the State in fees to legal professionals for the purposes of defending a case (details supplied) and other cases of school day sex abuse litigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [35097/17]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35101/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding can be resumed for a literacy programme (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [35128/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the provision of CPD and wellness for teachers; if an official from his department will make contact with the interested party (details supplied) to discuss same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35158/17]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the construction of a secondary school will commence on the old greyhound track in Harold’s Cross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35161/17]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) will be losing a special needs assistant for the 2017 2018 school year; if this decision can be reviewed in view of the fact that the school has been sanctioned SNA access for an additional four children since its last SNA allocation was made; his views on whether this level of allocation is sufficient to ensure the children that require assistance receive an appropriate level of support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35210/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the special transport grant has been refused for a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [35217/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an emergency works scheme application for a primary school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35218/17]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full

compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [35225/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary will be provided with the necessary funding to build a new ASD preschool unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35242/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department or a body under its aegis sets a minimum size of playing pitches that should be provided for new primary or post primary school development on a per pupil basis; if so, the details of same; the minimum pitch sizes that should be retained by existing primary and post primary schools. — Róisín Shortall. [35243/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Waterford for funding under the summer works scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [35253/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will include young carers as a represented group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35294/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the transition for children with a disability before they become an adult (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [35295/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will increase the number of special needs assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35296/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received a request from a delegation of schools regarding a building project (details supplied); if a reply has issued regarding this meeting; if not, if he will meet the delegation as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35299/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to large house building developments in Dunshaughlin, County Meath; and his plans to expand school provision in the area at both second level and primary level notwithstanding the provision that currently exists. — Thomas Byrne. [35303/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure that carer’s can access flexible training (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35305/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure young adult carer’s are recognised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35306/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the application by a school (details supplied) for a special education teacher allowance. — David Cullinane. [35340/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the recent decision by the Institute of Technology, Tallaght to reject all recent childcare tenders and advertise

again and that this will inevitably mean no childcare on the campus for the immediate future; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this will impact on parents that are students in the college (details supplied); and if he will write to the college outlining his concerns. — Seán Crowe. [35345/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way the Institute of Technology, Tallaght will now support young parents to access third level programmes in view of the closure of its onsite purpose built crèche (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [35348/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all the current members of the Higher Education Authority are ordinarily resident within the State. — Alan Kelly. [35371/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration has been given to graduating payments of adjacent and non adjacent grants in 5km or 10km increments, such that a student living 46km from their college and in receipt of a special rate of maintenance grant does not face receiving a grant that is €3,540 less than a student living 2km closer to the college. — Clare Daly. [35432/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for the emergency works scheme that have been made relating to the provision of drinking water in each of the past five years; if his department collects this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35439/17]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of times school authorities have contacted his department in relation to the provision of drinking water in each of the past five years; if his department collects this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35440/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the results of the 2015 lifeskills survey will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35441/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the new development for a school (details supplied); his plans to visit the school; if so, the date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35450/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35486/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the progression of works at a school (details supplied); if a timeline for works has been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35568/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date by which the construction of a permanent school building for schools (details supplied) will commence; the date by which the temporary accommodation for two of the schools classes will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35594/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progression of works at a school (details supplied); if a timeline for the conclusion of works has been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35635/17]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the only national school with places available on 17 July 2017 in Toberburr, a rural school 8km away, represents a viable offer for families with children already in a school (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35643/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has satisfied himself that the right of children refused a place in a school (details supplied) to an appropriate education has been met. — Clare Daly. [35644/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to visit a school (details supplied); the date and timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35674/17]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options open to a person (details supplied) who is unable to find a place in any of the Portlaoise primary schools for their seven year old child. — Brian Stanley. [35677/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students in receipt of third level grants in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the minimum and maximum grant awarded respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35679/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students in receipt of third level grants for the academic year 2016/2017, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35680/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students in third level education for the academic year 2016/2017, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35681/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the labour skills required in order to facilitate the housing construction programme; the targets set by the government; if his department has set goals to achieve these; the number of apprentices presently engaged in the specific skills sets required to help facilitate the objective of the governments Rebuilding Ireland programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35682/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to amalgamate schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35702/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mandatory training that both primary and post primary teachers must complete with regard to mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35704/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the voluntary or extra curricular training his department provides to primary and post primary teachers with regard to mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35705/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the resources schools receive in order to adhere to the wellbeing guidelines for both primary and post primary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35706/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 167 of 5 May 2017, if the proposal in respect of the management of the facility has been received by his department; if so, if the details of the proposal can be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35744/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the detail of capital expenditure, extensions, new builds and additional accommodation for all post primary schools in County Offaly since January 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [35781/17]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when posts of responsibility will be reintroduced. — Robert Troy. [35795/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to release teaching principals for one day per week to facilitate administration work. — Robert Troy. [35796/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reverse the 15% cuts to the school grants. — Robert Troy. [35797/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reintroduce school panels to ensure supply of teachers for substitute cover. — Robert Troy. [35798/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the net saving of withdrawing the annual State subsidy to private schools. — Pearse Doherty. [35826/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the manner in which parliamentary questions are answered in relation to the current status of schools on the school buildings programme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35840/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the locations of the additional SNA allocations in County Kildare primary schools for the school year 2017/2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35882/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which his department monitors the standards in private third level institutions; and the sanctions currently in place if those institutions fail to meet required standards and criteria. — Clare Daly. [35891/17]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of student grant recipients (details supplied) each year since the 2014 to 2015 academic year. — Róisín Shortall. [35894/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason an original decision giving approval for additional accommodation was overturned at a school (details supplied); if he will review this application for additional accommodation in view of the significant increase in enrolments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [35896/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will give consideration to an appeal submitted by a person (details supplied) in view of the medical circumstances. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [35916/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new site for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35948/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of progress on a new school building project for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35949/17]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the next phase of the school building for a school (details supplied) will commence; the status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35950/17]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new site for a school (details supplied) as announced in November 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35951/17]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new secondary school for the Malahide and Portmarnock areas of County Dublin as announced in November 2015; if he has identified locations for these proposed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35952/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new secondary school for the Swords area of County Dublin as announced in November 2015; if he has identified locations for these proposed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35953/17]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35954/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reconsider the summer works scheme application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [35990/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the proportion of third level students that opted for apprenticeship programmes in the academic year 2016/2017. — John Lahart. [35993/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the implementation of the action plan on bullying; his plans for development of a follow up plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36000/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the review of PLC courses; when publication of this review can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36001/17]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons in 2016 and to date in 2017 on each apprenticeship scheme; the progress made on introducing new apprenticeship schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36002/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of new accommodation and facilities at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36027/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planning and architectural process on the planned expansion of a school (details supplied); the details of the accommodation and facilities that are to be encompassed as part of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36048/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planning and architectural process on the planned expansion of a school (details supplied); the details of the accommodation and facilities that are to be encompassed as part of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36049/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planning and architectural process on the planned expansion of a school (details supplied); the details of the accommodation and facilities that are to be encompassed as part of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36050/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planning and architectural process on the planned expansion of a school (details supplied); the details of the accommodation and facilities that are to be encompassed as part of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36051/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of progress made on the planning and architectural process made on a planned expansion of a school (details supplied); the details of the accommodation and facilities that are to be encompassed as part of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36052/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to review SNA hours in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36145/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36155/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to seek further clarification from the Christian Brothers in relation to a claim made by the congregation in correspondence to a person (details supplied) of 3 July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36237/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if as a registered charity the Christian Brothers is required to get the approval of the charities regulator for the sale of school lands or playing pitches attached to school lands (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36238/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a place on a school bus, in view of the fact they were forced to transfer to a school outside

of the area due to bullying which the education and training board are aware of. — Pat Buckley. [36256/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to previous representations made to his department and parliamentary questions in relation to the urgent need to approve grant aid in respect of necessary upgrading works, particularly window replacements, at a school (details supplied), if he will give urgent consideration to this long standing application with a view to early approval of the necessary funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36261/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the manner in which parliamentary questions regarding the status of a school (details supplied) on the school building programme are answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36291/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio to 18:1 by paying all staff on the pre 2011 pay scale. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36360/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full year cost of measures (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36361/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount it would cost to remove fees for those engaged in part time third level education and to allow part time third level students access to SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36393/17]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount it would cost to fully restore all cuts to the traveller education budget and supports. — Bríd Smith. [36411/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to help alleviate the need for primary school places in Swords, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36418/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address issues in relation to Caranua (details supplied); if he has consulted on the changes made to the 2014 booklet applying for services; the number of first time applicants being dealt with; and the number of persons that have had one or more applications for assistance processed. — John McGuinness. [36441/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Kildare which needs additional classrooms for the new school year in September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36459/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 269 of 13 July 2017, if the funding is in place for a replacement school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36462/17]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary schools that have upgraded to high speed broadband connections over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36475/17]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the number of ASD units within primary and secondary schools, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36476/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which his department plans to meet the needs of Newbridge and its catchment area with a sufficient number of ASD units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36477/17]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reduce the pupil teacher ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36478/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and planned investment in mental health counselling at third level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36479/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and planned investment in mental health counselling at second level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36480/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and planned investment in mental health counselling at primary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36481/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new resource allocation model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36482/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process by which appeals may be made by schools against resource allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36483/17]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of implementation of new reasonable accommodation for exam pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36484/17]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines that are given to teachers regarding the allocation of reasonable accommodations for exam students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36485/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the location of constructed ASD units in County Wexford secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36521/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the facilities at a college (details supplied) in County Wexford. — James Browne. [36522/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the vacant ASD unit at a college (details supplied). — James Browne. [36523/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to allocate extra classroom space at a school (details supplied) for the coming school year. — James Browne. [36524/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the capitation grant for pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36549/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to regularise the teacher's situation regarding equal pay for equal work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36550/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he is addressing the requirement for additional second level school places in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36551/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36565/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department will contribute to the funding of a second Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland study as has been recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36642/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that home tutors are classed as self employed and as a result have no contract of employment, employment protections, holiday pay or access to social welfare supports; the reason for this arrangement; his views on whether the precarious employment is appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36644/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the precarious working conditions of many English language teachers; the steps he plans to take to provide greater protections to these teachers with regard to the access to sick and holiday pay, pay scales and payment for preparation marking professional development, maternity paternity pay and access to pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36645/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the recent financial limit imposed by Caranua on claims; his views on the application of this cap retroactively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36652/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36728/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36744/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36760/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36853/17]

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

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the fresh start agreement in relation to Northern Ireland, specifically with regard to the Narrow Water bridge project linking counties Louth and Down; if funding for this project has been agreed; and when it is due to progress. — Brendan Ryan. [34984/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the request the Taoiseach made to officials in the London embassy to examine the logistics for inviting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to visit the State. — Micheál Martin. [35544/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the decision to reduce electricity supply to the Gaza strip, which OCHA have 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. [34893/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he can make the facilities of the Irish embassy available to Irish persons living in the Cayman Islands that may find themselves in a vulnerable position as a result of administrative changes taking place in the Cayman Islands and affecting persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35109/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has satisfied himself that every avenue has been explored on behalf of persons (details supplied) on the tragic death of their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35150/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35228/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the detail of Ireland's foreign policy position on Palestine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35392/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has satisfied himself that all persons on the election roster are suitable for deployment on election observation missions; the reason one in five of those persons still have not been deployed since the establishment of the current roster in 2013 while other persons have had numerous deployments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35410/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been brought to concerns that a number of late applicants were admitted to the 2013 intake to the election roster despite the call notice specifying that late applications would not be considered; the reasons for this departure from the published policy; the level at which the departure was sanctioned; the number of late applications that were received; the number subsequently appointed to the roster or the reserve roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35411/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason members of the rapid response corps are required to produce tax clearance certificates while members of the election roster are not; if he has been in contact with the Revenue Commissioners to discuss if tax clearance should apply to election roster members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35412/17]

*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps that have been taken to prepare for a fresh call for election roster members to replace the 2013 roster; if he has satisfied himself that his department has the resources to undertake this; if he will need to engage expertise from other parts of the civil service such as the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government or the Public Appointments Service; if so, if such expertise has been sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35413/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if only non remunerated election observers are eligible for the volunteer grant paid to Irish election observers; if there have been cases that subsequent to the payment of the grant the persons declined to go on a mission on a volunteer basis; if refunds were sought of the grants paid in which persons declined to go on a mission or were appointed to a remunerated consultancy post on the mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35414/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of applications for Irish passports by British citizens between 24 June 2015 to 23 June 2016 and 24 June 2016 to 23 June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35434/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on passport application processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35446/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the government is providing support to an organisation (details supplied) here; if not, his plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35447/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his discussions on Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35448/17]

*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35489/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being faced by migrant workers trapped in both Qatar and Saudi Arabia, in view of the fact the group of countries led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE enforces sanctions against Qatar (details supplied); and if he will request the governments of both countries to eliminate the requirement for an exit visa. — Seán Crowe. [35595/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on his recent trip to Israel and Palestine; the persons he met with; the issues raised; if he discussed the Sinn Féin motion that was passed by Dáil Éireann without opposition on 10 December 2014 calling on the government to recognise the state of Palestine; and the reason he did not visit Gaza on his three day visit. — Seán Crowe. [35610/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to a recent UN report (details supplied) which shows that living conditions for two million persons in the Palestinian enclave are deteriorating further and faster than the prediction made in 2012 that Gaza would become unliveable by 2020; and the steps he will take to raise this both with the Israeli authorities and at EU level. — Clare Daly. [35637/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the situation in Venezuela; his views on the elections for a new constituent assembly due to be held on 30 July 2017; the actions taken to date by the European Union in relation to recent developments in Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35854/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on recent developments in Ukraine, the declaration of a new state of Malorossiya and the efforts that are being made by the international community and the European Union to safeguard the Minsk peace deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35855/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made by the European Union to restart the middle east peace talks; his views on the reduced electricity supply to the Gaza strip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35856/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on recent developments in Poland; the efforts being made by the EU and the international community to try and protect the rule of law in Poland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35858/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36158/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meetings he has had with his British counterparts in relation to the objective of maintaining the common travel area after Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36244/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meetings he has had with his British counterparts in relation to the objective of protecting the Good Friday Agreement after Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36245/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meetings he has had with the EU Commission in relation to the objective of maintaining the common travel area after Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36246/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meetings he has had with the EU Commission in relation to the objective of protecting the Good Friday Agreement after Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36247/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to reopen an embassy in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36283/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his department has commenced planning in the event of a no deal scenario with regard to Brexit; if so, the detail of these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36420/17]

*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland with specific reference to Brexit and its impact on Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36421/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recent meetings he has had with EU counterparts in relation to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36422/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his department will be publishing a detailed sectoral plan for Brexit as committed to in a government publication on Ireland's approach to the negotiations published in May 2017; if so, if this analysis has started; the expected publication date for this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36423/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has met with his British counterpart to discuss Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36424/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the meetings he has had with the Export Trade Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36425/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the second round of Brexit negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36426/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a forthcoming referendum on independence in Kurdistan; if he is supportive of autonomy and independence for the persons of Kurdistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36454/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to recent developments regarding a person (details supplied); if he will raise these issues with the government of Iran; and if he will publicly call for their release. — Gerry Adams. [36536/17]

*425. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36568/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to join UN special rapporteurs regarding human rights defenders and call on Israel to drop charges against a person (details supplied). — Eamon Ryan. [36576/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the active deployment of Irish volunteer election observers to elections and referendums overseas; his plans to match or exceed in 2017 the number of deployments that took place in 2016; the staffing level by grade that manages the roster; if sufficient levels of experienced staff are available to promote Irish observers with such fora as the EU and OSCE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [36580/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps that have been taken to replace the current election observation roster established in 2013; the date a call for fresh applications will be published; if it will be open to all lawful residents here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [36581/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36731/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36747/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36763/17]

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

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35019/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when all sections of the Children and Families Relationships Act 2015 will be commenced; and the timeframe for full commencement. — Thomas Byrne. [35852/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost in 2017 of the deal done with the Garda Representative Association; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36011/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to questions on promised legislation on 28 June 2017, regarding the garda investigation into inflated breath test figures and issues relating to summons, if a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36072/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in Dublin west involved in providing security for the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste; and if gardaí from the current cohort of gardaí stationed in Dublin west are allocated security duties on a regular basis. — Jonathan O'Brien. [34894/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that had penalty points imposed on them by the courts due to garda error instead of being summonsed that have been contacted by An Garda Síochána; the number of persons that received convictions due to this error; the number of those convictions that were quashed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [34904/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [34923/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [34934/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of extra gardaí that have been recruited in the current Dáil term; if that figure meets the 15,000 pledged in the programme for partnership government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34937/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [34951/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been granted some form of status including leave to remain in the years since the direct provision system commenced; and the number of persons that have been through the direct provision system since that system commenced. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34958/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when his department will notify each of the estimated 50,000 plus persons that have been subject to a disclosure request under section 6 of the Communications (Retention of Data) Directive 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34959/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if any of the 410 charities that are invested in the common investment fund by the Charities Regulatory Authority are funded by the HSE as section 39 charitable organisations; his views on the fact that the common investment fund held investment in the tobacco industry; his further views on the appropriateness of investment in the tobacco industry by organisations under the remit of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35040/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the date on which the Charities Regulatory Authority formally divested from investments in the tobacco industry that it held through the common investment fund; the date on which this decision was arrived at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35041/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has engaged directly with the Courts Service in relation to the appropriateness of its investments in the tobacco industry; if he has discussed this matter with the Minister for Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35042/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a land registry application will be completed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35066/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a land registry application will be completed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35067/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in each garda station in County Tipperary as of 30 June 2017; the number of new recruits assigned to the division since recruitment resumed in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35076/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of convicted persons that have been eligible to avail of the provision set out at section 6 of the Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures) Act 2016 since its commencement on 26 April 2016. — Róisín Shortall. [35093/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of type two and two A visas issued by each garda division in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Clare Daly. [35113/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether there can be improvements in communications and updates to applicants for naturalisation, in particular in cases in which applications are longer than a year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35129/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to section 115A of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 and section 21 of the Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Act 2015, the number of appeals to the court regarding the rejection of an insolvency proposal by a creditor submitted to date in 2017; the details of the outcome in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35130/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay in enacting all sections of the Child and Family Relationships Act 2015; the sections which have not yet been commenced; when all sections of the Act will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [35132/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to require An Garda Síochána to record crimes involving rickshaws specifically rather than under the category of bicycle crime for the purposes of identifying trends in certain crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [35166/17]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank in the community policing unit in the garda R and J districts in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35171/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the full year cost of operating the Office for Internet Safety. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35203/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their residency application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35207/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of workshops and classes available in Wheatfield place of detention; the names of the workshops and classes; the days on which each of these were open or closed in May and June 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35208/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to conduct a review of the Irish Prison Service's National Incentivised Regimes Policy; the tendering process of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35209/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person that is rejected for employment in the Irish Prison Service on mental health grounds may seek and submit a second opinion as part of their appeal of that decision; and if not, the reason therefor. — Clare Daly. [35215/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35231/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of local authorities that have a migrant integration strategy as per the recommendation in Migrant Integration Strategy - A Blueprint for the Future. — Jonathan O'Brien. [35246/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will revise his position not to have a public inquiry with regard to the Jobstown prosecution and the concerns raised regarding evidence of members of An Garda Síochána (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [35273/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a night time shooting ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35275/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of garda stations that were closed in recent years will be completed; his plans to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35300/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 114 to 116 of 16 May 2017, if the legal aid available to a protection applicant that has received a negative decision from the international protection appeals tribunal extends to continuing to represent that applicant in leave to remain, deportation or judicial review proceedings; and if the applicant will be legally aided or only be advised on their options. — Clare Daly. [35336/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many road haulage companies registered in Northern Ireland are operating here contrary to the cabotage rules governed by Regulation (EC) 1072/2009 as of 14 May 2010 (details supplied); if he will increase monitoring of this practice through An Garda Síochána; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that road haulage companies operating within the rules are at a severe disadvantage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [35341/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 138 of 21 March 2017, the number of fixed charge penalty point notices that were issued to drink drivers detected at BAC levels between 50mg and 80mg in each of the years 2012 to 2016; the number of drivers that paid the fixed charge notice within the time limit; the number of drivers that were summonsed to court for failing to pay the fixed charge notice; the number of drivers that were convicted; the number of driver licence numbers recorded on conviction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35346/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the work of the garda special crime taskforce; the number of gardaí assigned to it on 1 January 2017; the number

assigned on 1 July 2017; if all its members are based in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35367/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the date on which and the format in which the Garda Commissioner consulted with his department regarding the creation of the Charleton liaison committee. — Alan Kelly. [35375/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the meaning of the phrase the Commissioner subsequently sought formal sanction to retain the services of a small number of individuals; and the way the Commissioner could sanction to retain persons if they had not already been formally sanctioned by his department, the Policing Authority and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. — Alan Kelly. [35376/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the meaning of the phrase, the Commissioner subsequently sought formal sanction to retain the services of a small number of individuals; and the way the Commissioner could seek to sanction to retain persons to work on the Charleton liaison committee in view of the fact that this was a new committee that did not actually exist before. — Alan Kelly. [35377/17]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, if the Garda Commissioner employed persons as part of the Charleton liaison committee before getting formal sanction from his department, the Policing Authority or the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. — Alan Kelly. [35378/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, if his department was consulted on the persons that would be hired by the Garda Commissioner as part of the Charleton liaison committee prior to their selection by the Commissioner. — Alan Kelly. [35379/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the names of the persons that the Garda Commissioner has hired to be part of the Charleton liaison committee; and the length of their contract and commencement dates of each. — Alan Kelly. [35380/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, if he will provide full evidence that all the persons that have been hired by the Garda Commissioner to form part of the Charleton liaison committee were employed following a full public procurement process; and if he will supply the details of same. — Alan Kelly. [35381/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, if any of the persons that are now hired by the Garda Commissioner to form part of the Charleton liaison committee commenced work prior to the Garda Commissioner getting formal approval for those persons to commence work from his department, the Policing Authority and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. — Alan Kelly. [35382/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, when approval was given by his department for the Garda Commissioner to engage a solicitor as part of the Charleton liaison committee. — Alan Kelly. [35383/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, when he was consulted by the Garda Commissioner regarding the hiring of a solicitor as part of the Charleton liaison committee. — Alan Kelly. [35384/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the reason his department is of the view it was necessary for the Garda Commissioner to hire a solicitor to be part of the Charleton liaison committee in view of the fact that the An Garda Síochána already has an in-house legal team. — Alan Kelly. [35385/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the detail of the procurement process that took place for the solicitor that was hired as part of the Charleton liaison committee by the Garda Commissioner. — Alan Kelly. [35386/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 1 June 2017, the contact details, commencement date and remuneration details of the solicitor that was hired by the Garda Commissioner to be part of the Charleton liaison committee. — Alan Kelly. [35387/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the purpose of the Charleton liaison committee that is based An Garda Síochána; the location the committee is based; the number of persons that work in it; the reporting lines of every person based in the committee; the persons that have access to the work of the committee; and the budget of the committee. — Alan Kelly. [35388/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all gardaí irrespective of rank or title that are referenced in the Disclosure Tribunal have equal access to the Charleton liaison committee, equal use of its resources and equal access to its information and data as it pertains to their individual modules. — Alan Kelly. [35389/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if all the persons that have been hired by the Garda Commissioner to form part of the Charleton liaison committee were sanctioned by his department and employed following a full public procurement process; and if so, the details of same. — Alan Kelly. [35390/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if government approval was received for the setting up of the Charleton liaison committee; and if so, the date on which. — Alan Kelly. [35391/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 623 of 28 June 2005 (details supplied), his plans to amend same for record of Dáil Éireann. — Seán Crowe. [35402/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will expedite the visa application of a person (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [35419/17]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans regarding the court services in County Westmeath (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [35437/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce an armed support unit to the Cavan Monaghan garda division; the location of the closest unit at present; his plans to

introduce a unit in the border region due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35452/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of registered charities by county, type, sector and service; the number pending registration by county, type, sector and service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35456/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drink driving, driving with a mobile phone and speeding detections that were made by An Garda Síochána throughout the country, by county, to date in 2017, in tabular form; if there is a breakdown per area for counties Cavan, Meath and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35477/17]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35492/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which a charity can benefit from the court poor box system; if there is an application process; if so, if an application form can be furnished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35511/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 132 of 2 May 2017, the reason the Prison Service does not collect aggregate, anonymised data on the number of pregnant women in prison each year; and the steps he will take to ensure that such data collection does take place. — Clare Daly. [35550/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35551/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the recommendations of the Garda Inspectorate's 2014 crime investigation report that have been implemented, partially implemented and not yet implemented, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35593/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the penalties applying to the possession and or use of signal blockers with the capability of interfering with and preventing a motorist locking a vehicle remotely and which have been used recently in theft from vehicles. — Róisín Shortall. [35603/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí allocated to the Garda special crime taskforce during each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [35618/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average waiting times for Dublin and each of the district probate registries for grants of representation and applications lodged by a solicitor; and the additional resources that have been provided to reduce these waiting times. — Róisín Shortall. [35645/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons on the waiting list for free legal aid and advice; and the average waiting time by area. — Róisín Shortall. [35662/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the median length of time for cases to be heard in the District Court by district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35676/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of plans to introduce legislation related to spent convictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35694/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on Operation Thor, specifically its effect in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35699/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the annual exchequer funding provided to the Courts Services for 2017 and in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [35711/17]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the types of measures in place to ensure the protection of witnesses and juries respectively in serious criminal cases; and the approximate spend on same in each of the past five years. — Pearse Doherty. [35712/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will expedite an application for naturalisation by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35737/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to create a national fraud database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35748/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35756/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedures and or mechanism for persons with policing experience and qualifications gained in another jurisdiction, that is, another policing service or Northern Ireland, that can enable them to transfer into An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35833/17]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of police officers serving in An Garda Síochána that are on secondment from the police services outside Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35834/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the consultation report with children and young persons in the direct provision system that was published by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. — Ruth Coppinger. [35838/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will make changes to the direct provision system to greatly improve the living conditions and welfare of asylum seekers and their children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35839/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to provide a place finders service similar to that provided to programme refugees to residents of direct provision centres that have secured their leave to remain but are unable to secure permanent accommodation due to the rental crisis. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35841/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will meet with the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to agree the best way in which to assist those residents of direct provision that have secured their leave to remain but are unable to access permanent housing due to the housing crisis and are effectively using direct provision as a form of emergency accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35842/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will discuss with RIA a protocol with providers of direct provision governing the provision of references for private sector landlords for those residents of direct provision that have secured their leave to remain and are trying to access private rented accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35843/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the standards in place in direct provision centres governing day to day conditions including the quality of beds and furniture, quality of food, provision of study facilities for children preparing for exams and access to visitors. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35844/17]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a list of all HIQA inspections of direct provision centres, in tabular form; when the inspections took place; if he will provide a copy or summary of the findings of such inspections; and if he will request a HIQA inspection of the towers direct provision centre in Clondalkin, Dublin 22. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35845/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will discuss with the Ministers for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and Social Protection the funding arrangements for residents of direct provision centres that have secured their leave to remain but are unable to source permanent accommodation and are effectively using direct provision as a form of emergency accommodation and that are having their social welfare payments deducted at source leaving them with inadequate income and an inability to save for a deposit for rented accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35847/17]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to put measures in place to stop the extreme anti social behaviour that occurs during periods of hot weather in the forty foot and Sandycove beach area, a minority of persons are ruining this amenity for the majority and causing a public safety issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35861/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 164 of 28 February 2017, the number of vehicles seized to date; the number of those vehicles seized that were scrapped; the number of persons arrested and charged to date; if the report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35863/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 138 of 21 March 2017, the number of drivers that paid the fixed charge notice within the time limit; if that report is now available from An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35864/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 90 of 28 March 2017, the amount of revenue generated each year through the sale of those vehicles; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35865/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 124 of 9 May 2017, the number of persons that paid a fixed charge notice for driving while holding a mobile phone within the 56 day limit in each of the years 2015 to 2016 and to date in 2017; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35866/17]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 91 of 10 May 2017, if alcohol breath tests are still being undertaken and recorded on the PULSE system; if so, when this data will be made available; if this report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35867/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 37 to 39 of 11 May 2017, the number of those fixed charge notices that were paid on time annually; the number that progressed to court annually; the number of speeding fixed charge notices issued by a company (details supplied) that progressed to court annually; the number per district court which have resulted in conviction annually; the number which have been struck out per district court and the reason for same; the number of speeding fixed charge notices issued by the company's speed vans that progressed to conviction in court annually, by district court; the number of persons that had their licence numbers recorded upon conviction, by district court; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35868/17]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 86 and 87 of 17 May 2017, the number of those summonses not served in 2015 and 2016 that were reissued; further to the statement that a summons struck out not served can be reissued at the request of An Garda Síochána, the details of same; if this is normal practice; the policies in place to enable a garda to decide to have a summons reissued or not; if that report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35869/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 88 of 24 May 2017 and 726 of 20 of June 2017, the number of road traffic collisions that resulted in a fatality, serious injury and injury respectively; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35870/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 91 of 24 May 2017, if details of that report can be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35871/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 877 of 20 June 2017, if the report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35872/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 887 of 20 June 2017, the number of persons convicted and charged for non payment of fixed charge notices for this offence; the number of driver licence numbers recorded upon this conviction; the number struck out due to non serving of summons, by each court, in each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35873/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further parliamentary question number 751 of 20 June 2017, the number of gardaí that completed the CPD1 and CPD2 driving courses respectively in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; if different levels of insurance

are required and are in place for gardaí driving on chief's permission and those that have completed the CPD1 and CPD2 driving courses respectively; if that report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35874/17]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to consult with the Policing Authority and An Garda Síochána regarding reforming garda recruitment policy to increase the age limitations of recruits and to allow for qualified members of other European police services to transfer into and or apply for police duties in An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35879/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons living here illegally that have applied each month in the past year for visas to remain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35883/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35884/17]

*537. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a copy of all papers in relation to the handover of the accounting officer function from his department to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35890/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the findings of the Public Accounts Committee with respect to financial mismanagement at Templemore garda training college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35893/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a night time shooting and hunting ban for gun clubs and predator control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35911/17]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of knives seized by An Garda Síochána in the Dublin region in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35974/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the additional measures An Garda Síochána is taking to tackle anti social behaviour, drug dealing, joyriding and other crimes which are reported in recent months in several districts of Dublin bay north; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35975/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on re establishing the repatriation of prisoners; his plans to bring forward legislation on same; if so, when he expects such legislation to come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [36014/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of requests from prisoners abroad to repatriate. — Ruth Coppinger. [36015/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to address the deficit in the number of gardaí in the Cavan and Monaghan Garda Division, which was recently cited by senior gardaí as 30 gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36016/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 62 of 18 May 2017, the details of the additional €20.7 million spend on a site (details supplied) since the initial purchase in 2005; the annual cost of maintaining and running the site; if the report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36067/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 64 of 29 March 2017, if the report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36073/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the presentation by the criminal justice fixed charge processing system working group on the summons service review process on 5 July 2017; the outcomes of the review process; the changes that are to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36074/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 713 of 20 June 2017 (details supplied), if the report is now available; when the Draeger number will be included on the C(T)68 form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36075/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 56 of 1 June 2017, if he will report on the other high priority changes that are listed for the CCTS; if a timeframe for implementation has been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36076/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 888 of 20 June 2017 (details supplied), if the report from An Garda Síochána is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36077/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 794 of 20 June 2017, if the report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36078/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 795 of 20 June 2017, if the report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36079/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 796 of 20 June 2017, if the report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36080/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the implementation of a national cyber security desk as outlined in the An Garda Síochána modernisation and renewal programme 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36095/17]

*555. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made in the modernisation of Garda information systems, including the PULSE system, as outlined in the An Garda Síochána modernisation and renewal programme 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36096/17]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the establishment by An Garda Síochána of protective service units in each region; the number in place and the regions in which they are located. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36097/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the development and implementation by An Garda Síochána of a control room strategy. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36098/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the introduction by An Garda Síochána of a 24/7 telephone line for the reporting of child sexual abuse. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36099/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the development and implementation by An Garda Síochána of a risk management framework for victims of domestic abuse. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36100/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the establishment by An Garda Síochána of community safety fora; and the number now in place and their location. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36101/17]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the design and implementation by An Garda Síochána of a revised approach to offender management, including youth offenders and recidivist offenders through interagency partnerships. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36103/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans for the reopening of the closed garda stations within Donegal in view of the government’s decision to re open a garda station in south County Dublin recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36122/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the implementation of the recommendations of the independent review group of his department in 2014; the recommendations that have not been implemented, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36147/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department’s vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36161/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his response to the grave concern expressed in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee regarding the level of his department’s oversight of An Garda Síochána; his views on whether the level of oversight was insufficient thereby allowing significant financial and governance issues to develop in the garda college. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36166/17]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views regarding the difficulty expressed in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee in accepting his department’s stated lack of awareness of the financial issues at the garda college. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36167/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an immediate review will be undertaken to clarify the extent of the oversight role of his department in relation to An Garda Síochána. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36168/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views regarding the assertion in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee that the Secretary General of his department is no longer the Accounting Officer for An Garda Síochána; and that his department has no oversight role in An Garda Síochána. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36169/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the assertion in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee that the inability of his department to locate records regarding his department’s knowledge of financial affairs in the garda college during the period when the Secretary General of his department was also Accounting Officer for the garda vote represents a departmental failure to meet basic standards of corporate governance. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36170/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the assertion in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee that the papers in relation to the handover of the Accounting Officer function from his department to An Garda Síochána are important State papers and should have been retained and archived accordingly. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36171/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the opinion in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee that the failure of his department to inform the internal audit function as soon as they became aware of the financial issues in the garda college was unacceptable. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36172/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the assertion in the recent report by the Public Accounts Committee that the nature of the financial issues at the garda college provided grounds for the garda commissioner to make a section 41 disclosure under the 2005 Garda Síochána Act to the Minister in July 2015. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36173/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Parole Board will be put on a statutory footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36206/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the staffing levels in Rathcoole garda station, County Dublin; the hours that this station is meant to be open; his plans to increase staffing at this station to ensure that a full time service is provided to the residents of Newcastle, Rathcoole and the surrounding areas. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36239/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on constitutional reform on the matter of religious based oaths for senior positions in the State (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [36288/17]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the persons he sanctioned within An Garda Síochána to take over the duties of the Garda Commissioner while they were on or are on leave in 2016 and in 2017; the dates of those sanctions to those persons; and the format in which they made. — Alan Kelly. [36428/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that were charged for copies of garda abstracts and statements since 1 January 2017; the total amount of these charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36435/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons awaiting an appointment for free legal aid services in each county; the average waiting time for an appointment; and the timeframe each person has been waiting, in tabular form. — Gerry Adams. [36444/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have availed of free legal aid services in each county in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by county. — Gerry Adams. [36445/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the funding which has been allocated to free legal aid services in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by county. — Gerry Adams. [36446/17]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of cases nationally that have been adjourned annually due to the issue regarding a drink driving certificate produced only in English and not in Irish; the number of cases which were struck out or dismissed due to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36455/17]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Irish Prison Service has a policy that exempts persons from being restrained in handcuffs when being transported from a court in a prison transport vehicle on the basis of gender; and if this policy is compatible with the 2007 prison rules. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36460/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on matter (details supplied) regarding garda recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36464/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to the six strategic priorities outlined in the comprehensive employment strategy for persons with disabilities 2015 to 2024 and the commitment in the national disability inclusion strategy 2017 to 2021, the estimated cost of implementing the strategy on an annual basis; the estimated costs associated with the implementation of each of the six strategic priorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [36512/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the volume and value of heroin seizures in Galway city and county in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the measures being taken to address this issue. — Michael McGrath. [36526/17]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a progress report on the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; the sections of the Act that have been commenced; when all sections of the bill will be commenced to allow a same sex couple to both assume parentage of their child from birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [36535/17]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if progress is being made to ensure that fathers have equal rights when applying for custody and access to their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36557/17]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to address discrimination being faced by fathers in custody cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36558/17]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36571/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the regular lengthy delays being experienced by passengers entering the country through terminal one at Dublin airport due to the long queues at passport control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36584/17]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the garda numbers for each of the garda districts in a Galway city and county in each of the years 2000 to 2015 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36600/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views, especially in the context of public order, regarding home delivery of alcohol; his plans in this regard; the position regarding the difficulties in enforcing sale of alcohol legislation; if cash on delivery is within the law; if he will set out the details of Garda policy in respect of this ongoing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36638/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to commission a second Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland study; the communications he has had with other departments from which funding for this study would be divided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36639/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 432 of 13 July 2017, the reforms of the legal profession he is considering ahead of the publication of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority's report; if this report will be finalised before October 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36651/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to implement the recommendation of the 2015 McMahon Report, which recommended to allow applicants the right to enter gainful employment within nine months; if he has satisfied himself that the current system in place is not in breach of EU Law; if Ireland plans to opt into the EU receptive directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [36661/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 57 of 1 June 2017, if he will supply the details of the costs associated to the contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) since 2011 by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [36662/17]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 86 of 12 April 2017, if he will seek an answer from An Garda Síochána relating to the cost of all garda overtime and the overtime hours claimed for each of the years 2012 to 2016, respectively; and the checks in place to ensure gardaí have completed overtime claimed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [36663/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a report on the circumstances of and the reasons for the detention of a person (details supplied) in Mountjoy Prison on 18 July 2017; if Brazilian visitors staying less than 90 days here require a visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36665/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he expects an appropriate facility for persons awaiting deportation will be completed in Dublin airport. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36666/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the communication his department or An Garda Síochána have had with the 1,500 persons wrongly convicted of motor offences; if he will provide copies of communications sent to those wrongly convicted; the purpose of those communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36673/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36734/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36750/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36766/17]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36857/17]

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

*605. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will give consideration to an application for funding (details supplied) under the town and village renewal scheme 2017; and if her attention has been drawn to the importance to provide grant aid to this town. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [35062/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount of LEADER funds allocated and spent in County Donegal in each of the years 2009 to 2016 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36116/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from her department and agencies under the aegis of her department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps she has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if she has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35221/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the sale of a White's castle, Athy; and her plans to provide funding to the local authority to purchase this building in view of the fact that it is the second time in ten years the castle has come up for sale and is an important building and location in this heritage town. — Seán Crowe. [35404/17]

*609. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount of the €28 million paid to local authorities under the regional and rural sub heads in 2016 that has been spent by the local authorities and accounts sent to her department accounting for this expenditure to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35418/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount spent by her department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35482/17]

*611. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the festivals and arts organisations that Creative Ireland is funding directly, by county, in tabular form; the basis on which it is funding these arts organisations and festivals; the application process for these groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35824/17]

*612. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the steps that have been taken to ensure that the Heritage Council has adequate resources to provide a comment on the matter of foreshore planning consent for a high priority strategic project foreshore lease planning application on Galway bay (details supplied) to construct an offshore electricity generating station, in view of the fact that the council had previously cited limitations on staff resources as the reason it could not comment on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35900/17]

*613. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the steps that will be taken to ensure that the Heritage Council can formulate and provide an informed recommendation regarding the protection of national heritage to the appropriate minister before the decision is made, as requested by her department on 10 and 31 March 2016 and relating to the matter of foreshore planning consent on Galway bay (details supplied) to construct an offshore electricity generating station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35901/17]

*614. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the status of progress with regard to the Ulster canal project; the amount which has been spent to date on this entire project; her future plans in relation to the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35978/17]

*615. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the spend on the LEADER programme to date in 2017 broken down between animation, administration and project spend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35994/17]

*616. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the capital spend to date in 2017 on the CLÁR programme and the town and village renewal scheme; the amount sanctioned to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35996/17]

*617. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount sanctioned to date in 2017 under the LEADER programme 2014 to 2020 for projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35997/17]

*618. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of applications received under the CLÁR measure 1 programme for funds for school or community

safety measures for disadvantaged rural areas; the number that have been refused; the number and the amount of funding that has been approved for funding by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36017/17]

*619. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from her department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with her department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36151/17]

*620. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will provide a list of census small area data for Wexford district electoral divisions and the average population loss for each area comparing data in each of the years 1926 to 2002, 1926 to 2006, 1926 to 2011 and 1926 to 2016, respectively, in tabular form, to ascertain CLÁR eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36272/17]

*621. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the full year cost of increasing spending on the arts to 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.6% of GDP respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36362/17]

*622. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason the nature conservation unit of the National Parks and Wildlife Service did not accept her department's invitation to participate in the marine licence vetting committee in addition to providing their observations on the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's foreshore lease planning application to construct an offshore electricity generating station on Galway bay in view of the fact that this application is noted as a high priority strategic project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36431/17]

*623. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her plans to ensure the full spend of all funding provided to her department for 2017 including carry over of capital from 2016 and pre payments to local authorities made in 2016 or 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36437/17]

*624. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of wildlife rangers, permanent guides, general operatives and building and maintenance staff employed at Glenveagh National Park; the number of same employed at the Park in each of the past five years; if her department is planning to recruit additional staff in these roles; when a decision will be made on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36497/17]

*625. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of visitors to Glenveagh National Park in each of the past five years and to date in 2017; if this is an increase on 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36498/17]

*626. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in her department for the end of December 2017 and variances that may arise based on her department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36561/17]

*627. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason a report on the EU Birds Directive has not been submitted since 2012; when a report will be submitted; her views on whether the State is meeting its targets under the directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [36578/17]

*628. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason a report on the EU Habitats Directive for the 2013 to 2014 period has not been submitted; when a report will be submitted; her views on whether the State is meeting its targets under the directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [36579/17]

*629. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the estimated cost of implementing a living wage of €11.70 for all employees directly employed or in agencies funded by her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36719/17]

*630. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of staff in her department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36724/17]

*631. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if there will be an underspend in her department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in her department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36740/17]

*632. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of protected disclosures received from staff in her department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36756/17]

*633. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the further schemes she plans rolling out under the CLÁR scheme in 2017; if this will include a local improvement scheme element; if so, if there will be co-funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36771/17]

*634. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the functions transferred by her department to the Department of Community and Rural Affairs since the passing of the legislation enabling the setting up of that department; the funding that has been transferred to date to that department; the number, grade and location of all staff working for that department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36772/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed legislation to replace the mobility allowance; when he expects a revised payment to be available again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [35165/17]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) has been unable to retain its full complement of full time teaching staff and has lost its OT and SLT as a result of challenging work conditions; if he will investigate this matter

and seek to ensure the filling of all existing posts and allow for an OT, an SLT and a psychologist to make the school sustainable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36659/17]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he has agreed to a request to accelerate preparations for a referendum on the Eighth Amendment and to have a parallel process to run alongside the Oireachtas Joint Committee that is currently established to examine the report of the Citizens' Assembly. — Mattie McGrath. [29762/17]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34891/17]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the lack of tissue viability nurses allocated to the north Dublin area which is causing significant backlog of out patients awaiting appointments in the area in view of the fact that no extra cover is provided to cover holidays and so on; and his plans to address the shortage of skilled personnel. — Clare Daly. [34895/17]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the status of physiotherapy services in Erris, County Mayo; when a full time physiotherapist will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34896/17]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the recommended number of full time HSE physiotherapists for an area the size and population of County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34897/17]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE HSE physiotherapists employed in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34898/17]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE physiotherapy vacancies in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34899/17]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE paediatric physiotherapists employed in County Mayo; the locations in which they are based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34900/17]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the reason vacancies arising from maternity leave are in some recorded instances taking months to fill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34901/17]

*646. 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. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [34902/17]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the case of a person (details supplied) that was treated by a doctor in the accident and emergency department in St James's hospital; and if he will ensure an investigation is carried out in a timely fashion and that the person is receiving the proper care and medication for them not the other persons. — Joan Collins. [34905/17]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) in Cavan general hospital. — Robert Troy. [34906/17]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied) by an early intervention team. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34908/17]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if there is now full compliance in regard to the collating of annual reports by all maternity units; and if the reports are made publicly available in all cases, in view of the fact that in 2014 documents released under FOI (details supplied) showed that eight maternity units around the country were not publishing annual reports. — Clare Daly. [34909/17]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the number of GP's availing of the medical card or GP visitor card scheme in Strokestown, Elphin and Ballaghaderreen to one doctor per town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34910/17]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); the steps being taken to address the crisis that has arisen; when the person can expect to be discharged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34914/17]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the psychiatric department at Galway university hospital that are medically fit for discharge but cannot be discharged for reasons external to the hospital, including the absence of appropriate accommodation; the reasons for preventing discharge; the steps being taken to solve these difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34915/17]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) that was assessed for a serious back problem in 2014 will be called for surgery. — Pat Deering. [34919/17]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of elosulfase alfa vimizin for the treatment of MPS1VA morquio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [34924/17]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health if elosulfase alfa vimizin is being provided to persons here; if so, the qualifying criteria; if other persons avail of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [34925/17]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding towards the upgrading of a hospital facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34931/17]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a place for a person (details supplied) in the Deerpark facility in Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34933/17]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed construction of the 50 bed residential unit in Tuam, County Galway on HSE lands adjoining the Grove health centre; if a person has offered €7 million towards the construction of the hospital; his plans to provide the remaining €5 million of capital funding for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [34944/17]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite extra home help hours for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [34949/17]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been a delay in organising a home care package for a person (details supplied); and the steps he will take to organise same in view of the fact that the person has been in hospital for 12 months due to no home care package being available. — Clare Daly. [34952/17]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [34954/17]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address staffing shortages in hospitals which are putting staff under immense pressure; his plans regarding this issue at hospitals in the north east health region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34961/17]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no supports are being given to persons (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [34962/17]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is only one tissue viability nurse serving north Dublin from Coolock to Balbriggan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34965/17]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres opened since March 2011, by county, in tabular form; the number of those currently in construction and at an advanced planning stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [34966/17]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a medical card review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34969/17]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to hold an independent inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) at Holles street hospital. — Clare Daly. [34970/17]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that the recommendations arising out of the internal investigation by Holles street hospital into the death of a person (details supplied) have been implemented in full. — Clare Daly. [34971/17]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34973/17]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive an early intervention appointment; the reason for the delay in same; the steps he will take to alleviate the delays being experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [34980/17]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the policy or procedures in place in the accident and emergency departments of Cherry Orchard hospital, Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital when an adult, adolescent or child respectively presents with suicidal ideation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35010/17]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide crisis assessment nurses in Cherry Orchard hospital, Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35011/17]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the psychiatric and mental health services and facilities currently available at the Cherry Orchard hospital, Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital; 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. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35012/17]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend at Cherry Orchard hospital, Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35013/17]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health when a child psychologist within the primary care services of Kildare north is expected to be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35020/17]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which a power failure at Beaumont hospital caused a person to require resuscitation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35022/17]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to ensure that the home care package is underpinned by statute; the consultation he has had in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35035/17]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if any of the approximately 780 HSE funded section 39 charitable organisations that are regulated by the Charities Regulatory Authority held investments in the tobacco industry through the common investment fund up to the end of 2016; if so, his views on this; his further views on the appropriateness of investment in the tobacco industry by organisations under the remit of the Department of Justice and Equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35036/17]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged directly with the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to the investments held in the tobacco industry by the Courts Service; his views on this; his further views on the appropriateness of investment in the tobacco industry by organisations under the remit of the Department of Justice and Equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35037/17]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full time occupational therapists providing services in counties Leitrim and Sligo in 2016 and to date in 2017. — Martin Kenny. [35049/17]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of part time occupational therapists providing services in counties Leitrim and Sligo; and the number of hours per week they worked in 2016 and to date in 2017. — Martin Kenny. [35050/17]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full time occupational therapists in counties Leitrim and Sligo that are on leave; the length of time they have been on leave; and the date they are due to return to work. — Martin Kenny. [35051/17]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of part time occupational therapists in counties Leitrim and Sligo that are on leave; the type of leave; the length of time they have been on leave; and the date they are due to return to work. — Martin Kenny. [35052/17]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide adequate cover for occupational therapists in counties Leitrim and Sligo to go on leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35053/17]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding funding. — Jack Chambers. [35063/17]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) from County Louth whose consultant has requested that they be provided with a glucometer scanner in order that they would no longer have to prick their fingers for glucose readings; and if he will provide this equipment to this person. — Gerry Adams. [35071/17]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 392 and 397 of 27 June 2017, if he will request the HSE to provide the details requested in the initial questions in view of the fact only figures for those under aged 65 years of age were supplied in its answer as opposed to all age cohorts as was requested. — Róisín Shortall. [35072/17]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an operation. — Thomas Byrne. [35090/17]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the public waiting list for MRI scans in each applicable hospital in counties Louth, Meath and Dublin. — Thomas Byrne. [35092/17]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of a long term residential care place for a person (details supplied) in a centre in County Kildare. — Eugene Murphy. [35094/17]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of residential weekend respite care from an organisation for a person (details supplied) with severe autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [35095/17]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospices and palliative care units that receive funding from the HSE as section 39 entities; the number of beds in each hospice and palliative care unit; the number of WTE staff employed in each; and the funding provided by the HSE in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [35096/17]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend at St James's hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date for 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35098/17]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the level of drugs expenditure in the health budget in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the percentage of the health budget spent on drugs in each of those years, in tabular form. — John Brassil. [35102/17]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the level of high tech orphan drugs expenditure in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the percentage of the drugs budget spent on high tech orphan drugs in each of those years, in tabular form. — John Brassil. [35103/17]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the State's expenditure on high tech orphan drugs in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017 compares to the EU average on both a per capita basis and in terms of a proportion of both health spending and drugs expenditure. — John Brassil. [35104/17]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home help hours can be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35105/17]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 176 of 6 July 2017, the funding made available in 2016 and to date in 2017, for the expansion of access to 20 week anomaly scans. — Clare Daly. [35107/17]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to construct a maternity hospital at St James's hospital Dublin; if planning permission has been sought or granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35114/17]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided a date for surgery. — Dessie Ellis. [35115/17]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding staffing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35121/17]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics is nine staff short of the number of staff its director is of the view it requires; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35124/17]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [35131/17]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a payment under the cross border directive has not been made to a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [35138/17]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include a helipad at a proposed hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35144/17]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 795 and 797 of 20 June 2017, if replies will issue without further delay. — Róisín Shortall. [35146/17]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure a person (details supplied) will be allocated a bed in St Mary's, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [35154/17]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will schedule an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35155/17]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of parliamentary questions received by his department in the past three years to date in 2017; the number of parliamentary questions his department has referred to the HSE for direct answer, by year, in tabular form; the number of questions received and referred to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35157/17]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the approval and provision of the drug translarna for the treatment of persons with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. — Brian Stanley. [35162/17]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when section 14 of the Public Health Sunbeds Act 2014 will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35172/17]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner vacancies in CHO area 9; the number of general practitioners that are due to retire in CHO area 9 over the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35173/17]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if the cancer treatment drug, palbociclib, is not being provided to newly diagnosed persons after 1 August 2017 due to costs; and if so, if he will review the decision and outline the cost of the drug. — Brian Stanley. [35174/17]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 366 of 4 July 2017, the number of persons that would benefit from each of the nine medicines approved by the HSE but are without the funds to be purchased (details supplied); the estimated number of persons that would benefit by the drug, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35175/17]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical facilities including maternity theatres, hospital wards, surgical theatres and so on which have been built by the State but have never been opened or became operational; the location of same; the original cost of building the units; the cost of maintenance security, cleaning and so on; the length of time they have been closed or non operational; and the reason they are not in operation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35176/17]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical facilities including maternity theatres, hospital wards, surgical theatres and so on, in the State which are not operational or have been closed due to staff shortages or funding issues; the location of same; the cost of maintenance security, cleaning and so on; the length of time they have been closed or non operational; the reason they are not in operation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35177/17]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is still in hospital despite their requests to return home. — Louise O'Reilly. [35179/17]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing the intake to the annual GP training scheme by 200 for 2017; the first year cost; the full year cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35180/17]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of reducing prescription charges for medical card holders under 70 years of age from €2 to €1.50, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35181/17]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of lowering the threshold of the drug payment scheme from €144 to €132, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35182/17]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of introducing a twice yearly six monthly scale and polish for all medical card holders under 70 years of age, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35183/17]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of introducing protracted periodontal treatment for all medical card holders under 70 years of age, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35184/17]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing respite care hours by 10%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35186/17]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting initial assessment to be placed on a waiting list for cataract surgery in the Mater hospital; the length of time they have been waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35192/17]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting cataract surgery in the Mater hospital; and the length of time they have been waiting. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35193/17]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for persons deemed as priority in respect of cataract surgery in the Mater hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35194/17]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times in respect of cataract surgery in the Mater hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35195/17]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private and public cataract surgeries that have taken place in the Mater hospital since January 2016, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35196/17]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself with the wait time for cataract surgery in the Mater hospital and the efforts being made to shorten the wait time for this surgery. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35197/17]

*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. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35200/17]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [35202/17]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if emergency funding can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Cork who must travel to the UK for medical treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [35205/17]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35214/17]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the reason transport services have not been provided for a person (details supplied). — Mick Wallace. [35216/17]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public

procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [35229/17]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that ophthalmological services at the Mater hospital are sufficiently resourced to cope with the demands on the service; if his attention has been drawn to the lengthy waiting times for ophthalmic treatment at the hospital and the risk of persons losing their sight as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35236/17]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance can be provided towards the cost of treatment abroad for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35239/17]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons outsourced at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35258/17]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient waiting times at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017 by speciality and in wait time bands (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35259/17]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trolleys at St James’s hospital in each of the months of 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35260/17]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trolleys at St James’s hospital in each of the months of 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35261/17]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the operating budget for St James’s hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35262/17]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the capital budget or total capital spend at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35263/17]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient hospital cancellations at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35264/17]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and out patient did not attends at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35265/17]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatres operational at St James’s hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35266/17]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the capital projects agreed and funded at St James's hospital; the details and overview of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35267/17]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of each capital project funded by the HSE and or St James's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35268/17]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the full capacity protocol was initiated at St James's hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35269/17]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health when a residential respite care home will be opened in the Cork south west area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35274/17]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider opening an outreach clinic in County Cork for a metabolic doctor and a paediatric gastroenterologist (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35277/17]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of CAMHS consultants that have signed off that they have read, understood and agree to implement the HSE CAMHS standard operational procedure 2015; the advice organisations (details supplied) have given on the validity of this standard operating procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35282/17]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will tackle the shortage of homecare workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35288/17]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if the carer's need assessment will be rolled out for older persons in view of a five year term for all carers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35289/17]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if the homecare scheme will address a person's needs for respite care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35290/17]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if a capital respite programme will be put in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35291/17]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be increases in funding for respite options (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35292/17]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an increase in funding for homecare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35293/17]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be made available for equipment at a hospital (details supplied); if funding applications for same were made in each of the years 2014 to 2016; if funding was committed in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35302/17]

*761. 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. [35307/17]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time home help applications are taking to process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35308/17]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to be seen by an occupational therapist in counties Leitrim and in Sligo for more than one month, two months and three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35311/17]

*764. 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. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35312/17]

*765. 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. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35313/17]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment with a speech and language therapist and an occupational therapist for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35314/17]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he has resolved the issue of general practitioners charging medical card patients for blood tests despite successive ministers stating that this practice should not be occurring. — Brian Stanley. [35316/17]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health if all ambulances have satnav systems fitted; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35319/17]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health his plans further to the report on the newborn screening card archive forum; the position regarding the next steps in the process in dealing with the so called Guthrie cards and data protection; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35320/17]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the current policy for the retention of newborn screening cards; his plans to change this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35321/17]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the issue of the newborn screening card archive in the upcoming Human Tissue Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35322/17]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 419 of 11 July 2017, if data publicly exists in relation to sugar, fat and salt reformulation by the food and beverage industry here in the past 10 years; if the body which is monitoring the reformulation makes this available; if not, the reason therefor; the body which has monitored and verified the reduction in sugar in still and carbonated soft drinks since 2000; the exact detail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35323/17]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 418 to 421 of 11 July 2017, if the food industry's annually presentation of its reformulation programme and updates to his department's special action group on obesity is made available to the public; the way the food industry has liaised with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland for validation of its work; if this

validation is made public; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35324/17]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 418 to 421 of 11 July 2017, if and the way in which the assessment of a report (details supplied) which noted that it contained some unsubstantiated assumptions was dealt with; and if these assumptions were made public. — Louise O'Reilly. [35325/17]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of transplant coordinators in the State; the number that would be required to move to a soft opt out system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35326/17]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deceased donors in each of the past five years and to date in 2017; the number of organs retrieved in that time; the donor rate here; the number of persons on organ transplant waiting lists; the number of persons that have died while waiting on the transplant list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35327/17]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if he will schedule an urgent appointment for a hip replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35328/17]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35331/17]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the therapeutic, recreational and educational activities available to persons in mental health facilities; the current budget for this; his plans for this area in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35332/17]

*780. 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. — John Brassil. [35333/17]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health the home help hours for counties Cavan and Monaghan 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. — Niamh Smyth. [35334/17]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35337/17]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) regarding investment in community supports for persons with dementia in order that they can remain active in their communities and continue to live in their own homes; his views on these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35338/17]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the completion of a development control plan or master plan for south Tipperary general hospital; if he will forward a copy of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [35343/17]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make available a copy of the bed capacity study for south Tipperary general hospital recently carried out by an official of the south south west hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [35344/17]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered bringing a teleconsultation with a family doctor under the remit of the GP visit card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35349/17]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date on the eHealth Strategy for Ireland, specifically with regard to teleconsultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35350/17]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered using eHealth and teleconsultations as a means of supplementing the national out of hours service funded through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35351/17]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the person or area within the HSE that should be consulted regarding partnering out of hours services and the technology needed to provide teleconsultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35352/17]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered including teleconsultations to GMS card holders in the primary care reimbursement service to alleviate pressure on GP services for matters which can be dealt with online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35353/17]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the findings of the parent led CAMHS survey report which found a very high rate of dissatisfaction among parents of service users of CAMHS; if he will address these findings and the chronic understaffing and under resourcing issues in CAMHS services which is contributing hugely to the issues presented within the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35354/17]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health if his department and the HSE will act on the ME information pack (details supplied) that was recently distributed; if so, the measures he plans to introduce; the timeframe for its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35355/17]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health if the international consensus criteria for the diagnosis of ME will be distributed to general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35356/17]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if the CEO of the HSE has sanctioned a HSE employee to seek a contract with a government department or offices for supply of goods or services whether for their own benefit or for the benefit of any company with which they may have an involvement in a private capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35358/17]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when the specialists will be in situ to see patients in regard to the identification of a sarcoma specialist at St Vincent's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35359/17]

*796. 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. [35360/17]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if arthritis patient appointments in OLGHC are being cancelled for July 2017 and rescheduled for March 2018; his views on whether it is satisfactory

that children are being left for so long without monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35364/17]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts assigned to the Cavan Monaghan paediatric occupational therapy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35398/17]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled positions in the Cavan Monaghan paediatric occupational therapy services; the length of time those positions have been unfilled; if approval to fill these posts has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35399/17]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children in need of a school age team service broken down by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35401/17]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being experienced by the family of a person (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [35403/17]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the treatment of a person (details supplied); if the time appealing decisions will be taken into account for the school age team waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35408/17]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals and maternity units responsible for care in the 22 cases of direct and indirect maternal deaths (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [35417/17]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase funding for the public home care sector. — Clare Daly. [35429/17]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for an MRI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [35431/17]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding available to groups wishing to introduce defibrillators for communities in their area; his plans to introduce a funding stream for this piece of life saving equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35435/17]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health when the food in school forum will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35442/17]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cuts to the service provided by the podiatry service in HSE north and south Lee; and his plans to enhance this service. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35443/17]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to ensure that persons that require essential podiatry services can access this preventative health care service. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35444/17]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the greatest barriers in recruiting nurses for rural hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35445/17]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recruitment of nurses for Cavan general hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35451/17]

*812. 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. [35455/17]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite urgent surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35460/17]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be offered a long term bed in a residential facility in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35462/17]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the current place on the waiting list for a person (details supplied) awaiting a long term bed in a residential facility in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35463/17]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health when it is open to a person to consider treatment in another jurisdiction and be reimbursed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35464/17]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if HIQA has established and published procedures for the making of protected disclosures and the investigation of same as mandated to under section 21(1) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. — Clare Daly. [35466/17]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health 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. [35467/17]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the stage the free GP card for under sixes expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35468/17]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which an Irish citizen that lives in the UK can gain access to haemodialysis while returning here for holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [35470/17]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to changes to the first aid certification process overseen by his department and the HSE, including cost increases to employers, which apparently come into effect from September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35478/17]

*822. 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. [35480/17]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35490/17]

*824. 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. [35497/17]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be expedited for a person (details supplied) at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35498/17]

*826. 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. [35510/17]

*827. 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. [35512/17]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hip operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35514/17]

*829. 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. [35515/17]

*830. 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. [35516/17]

*831. 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. [35517/17]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hip operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35518/17]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a knee operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35520/17]

*834. 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. [35522/17]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35524/17]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment in the Royal Victoria eye and ear hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [35525/17]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health if the payment to purchase post surgery bras and prosthesis every two years which breast cancer patients receive following a mastectomy procedure has ceased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35549/17]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has written to him or his officials regarding the lack of funding to meet the extra demand in health services particularly in care of the elderly and disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35562/17]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has written to him or his officials regarding the lack of funding to meet the extra demand in health services particularly in acute hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35563/17]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received reports on the bed capacity review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35564/17]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients and outpatients that have been treated on the NTPF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35565/17]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the NTPF allocation for 2017 that has been spent; the way in which it has been spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35566/17]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the funding to promote breast feeding in maternity hospitals was cut; if it will be reinstated; the way in which breast feeding will be promoted to increase levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35567/17]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself on the way in which overcrowding in emergency departments is being tackled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35569/17]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on continued funding for the fair deal scheme; his views on whether it will be sufficient to meet the increased demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35570/17]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the increased demands for home care packages; the way in which this will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35571/17]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn by the HSE to the fact that expenditure is above profile; if he has satisfied himself that there will be no overruns on the health budget in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35572/17]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his officials have been informed of proposed bed closures in the acute hospitals between July and 31 December 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35573/17]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on waiting times for endoscopies; the breakdown of same for each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35574/17]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to address the shortage of GPs across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35575/17]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds that were closed in the first six months of 2017; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35576/17]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the specific actions he has taken in his department to address the shortage of nurses across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35577/17]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the GP contract negotiations; the date on which the last meeting was held; if progress was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35578/17]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the policy decisions he has taken to address the shortage of consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35579/17]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the consultant contract; his plans to change same; his plans to address shortages and other issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35580/17]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to make smear tests available to women under 25 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [35583/17]

*857. 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. [35590/17]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the hospital emergency departments that include in their electronic patient system the monitoring of patient attendances as a result of alcohol and drugs use, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35591/17]

*859. 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. [35592/17]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for occupational therapy for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35596/17]

*861. 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. [35597/17]

*862. 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. [35598/17]

*863. 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. [35599/17]

*864. 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. [35600/17]

*865. 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. [35601/17]

*866. 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. [35602/17]

*867. 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. [35604/17]

*868. 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. [35605/17]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an occupational therapy appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35606/17]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to proceed with changes to the national policy for post mastectomy patients; and his further plans to increase the proposed value of post surgery vouchers to reflect the true cost to persons of products such as prosthesis and bras for women recovering from a mastectomy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35607/17]

*871. 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. [35608/17]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an ASD tools assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35609/17]

*873. 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. [35611/17]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35612/17]

*875. 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. [35614/17]

*876. 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. [35615/17]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the number of home help hours awarded to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35616/17]

*878. 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. [35617/17]

*879. 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. [35619/17]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35621/17]

*881. 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. [35622/17]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35623/17]

*883. 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. [35624/17]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35625/17]

*885. 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. [35626/17]

*886. 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. [35627/17]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an urgent appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35628/17]

*888. 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. [35629/17]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a specialist appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35630/17]

*890. 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. [35631/17]

*891. 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. [35632/17]

*892. 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. [35633/17]

*893. 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. [35634/17]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements for personal assistants working overnight; the definition of a five hour shift for a disturbed night; the definition of three hours for an undisturbed night in view of the fact that now the eight hours between 12 midnight and 8am will be considered as normal work (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [35636/17]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish the review of a vision for change completed on 17 February 2017; the date on which it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35640/17]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a service for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [35641/17]

*897. 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. [35666/17]

*898. 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. [35667/17]

*899. 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. [35668/17]

*900. 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. [35669/17]

*901. 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. [35670/17]

*902. 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. [35671/17]

*903. 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. [35672/17]

*904. 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. [35673/17]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [35675/17]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a dental clinic (details supplied); the estimated opening date for the clinic; the services that will be available in the clinic; the cost to date of renovation and the projected completion costs; the projected number of staff that will be employed in the clinic; if this number has increased from before the closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [35698/17]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons in each catchment area of each jigsaw youth mental health service respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35703/17]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if the statutory provisions are complete in respect of the new transport support scheme; when the legislation will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [35707/17]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [35726/17]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the use of the oncofocus test for cancer sufferers; and if he will consider including this on the medical card scheme. — Robert Troy. [35727/17]

*911. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [35730/17]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase funding to a day centre (details supplied) further to a reduction in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35738/17]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a soft opt out model of organ donation here; if this will require legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35740/17]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue from the HSE national steering committee on funding for the new pathology department premises as per the blood sciences

submission (details supplied) by university hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35747/17]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting admission to the central mental hospital; and if the referrals were from the courts, prison service or approved centres in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [35753/17]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting admission to the central mental hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35754/17]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the funding received by the central mental hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [35755/17]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurologists employed by the HSE; and the number of vacant posts for neurologists. — Pat Buckley. [35757/17]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to facilitate or support discussions between neurologists regarding the use of epidiolex; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35758/17]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to facilitate or support discussions between neurologists regarding an alternative to prescribing epidiolex. — Pat Buckley. [35759/17]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of respreeza; if he will respond to an organisation (details supplied) within the four weeks committed to at the Oireachtas Health Committee on 12 July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35760/17]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the cost for each mental health tribunal in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35761/17]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 96 consultant psychiatrists on a panel to provide membership of a mental health tribunal are also employed or that were ever employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35762/17]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the 79 other persons on a panel to provide the membership of a mental health tribunal; the professional title of each; the details of their employer; and the capacity and role for being included on the panel. — Pat Buckley. [35763/17]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the other legal costs arising out of mental health tribunals reported by the mental health commission which were €40,978 in 2014 and €73,975 in 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35764/17]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health the legal fees of the general expenses accounts of the mental health commission spent in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35765/17]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the IT technical support and IT developmental costs of the general expenses accounts of the mental health commission; and the way in which they were spent

in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35766/17]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full and part time recruitments that took place within the mental health commission in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the positions recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35767/17]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of mental health tribunals in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the fees charged by professionals which took part. — Pat Buckley. [35768/17]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that had elective surgery was cancelled or rescheduled more than once in 2016 and to date in 2017 at university hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35769/17]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the portion of funding allocated for mental health which was transferred to pay for general HSE overrun 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. — Pat Buckley. [35770/17]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has reported to him that it will be over budget for 2017; if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35771/17]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency and overtime staff in the mental health services by hospital and discipline in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [35772/17]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS that do not have a consultant psychiatrist in position; and the length of time the position has been vacant, by catchment area and CHO. — Pat Buckley. [35773/17]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve recruitment of senior psychologists and consultant psychiatrists into the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [35774/17]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the monitoring system in place to oversee the implementation of standard operating procedures in the HSE and specifically in mental health. — Pat Buckley. [35775/17]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost for the establishment of a dedicated advocacy service for mental health patients and the annual running costs thereafter. — Pat Buckley. [35776/17]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to other proposed or completed sales in which no business case or business proposal was created despite it being a requirement in the HSE protocol that they be created (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35777/17]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the care groups, community groups or public bodies that were informed that land (details supplied) was excess to HSE's requirements prior to the property transaction application form being completed in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35778/17]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the hiring of persons (details supplied) to ease staffing issues at a hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35783/17]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recruitment of nurses and additional personnel at Cavan general hospital and Monaghan hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35784/17]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a new primary care centre in Monaghan town; if it cannot be built in front of Monaghan hospital, as originally planned, if the €9 million ring fenced for this project in 2013 will be spent in County Monaghan; if these funds can be invested in Monaghan hospital if plans for a primary centre cannot go ahead at this site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35785/17]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 206 of 6 July 2017, the legal standing the patient waiver form has. — Billy Kelleher. [35788/17]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of removing the prescription charge for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35793/17]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the amount each hospital has paid year on year to private ambulance companies since 2011. — Robert Troy. [35802/17]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an application by CH8 for a community intervention team. — Robert Troy. [35803/17]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health when the new palliative consultant will commence employment with MRHM. — Robert Troy. [35804/17]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health when approval for capital funding to accommodate a new MRI scanner in the midland regional hospital Mullingar will be sanctioned (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35805/17]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if an additional two emergency department consultants to ensure 24/7 emergency service in MRHM will be approved. — Robert Troy. [35806/17]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35817/17]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug spinraza will be made available to sufferers of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35818/17]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be transferred to another hospital for treatment in view of the waiting times for the procedure in the local hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35819/17]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no replacement was put in place for a person (details supplied) in Tullamore hospital; the measures that the HSE will put in place to alleviate the increased waiting times for persons as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35820/17]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has had to wait on an orthodontic appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35825/17]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health further to his comments at the launch of the National Drugs Strategy, the areas in which the €3 million additional funding referred to in his speech will be used to fund in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [35849/17]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health when the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill will be pursued. — Thomas Byrne. [35853/17]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided a date for hip replacement surgery in Tallaght hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35859/17]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health if he is monitoring the issues being raised abroad relative to the use of gardasil; if his attention has been drawn to the 400 victims in Colombia preparing to take a case against a company (details supplied); if he has examined compensation programmes put in place in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35875/17]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the use, regulation and taxing of vape products; his further views on the submission of an association (details supplied) of 3 February 2017 to HIQA and the Revenue Commissioners on 16 February 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35876/17]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the large waiting list of persons requiring spinal surgery in Tallaght hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35880/17]

*961. 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. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35881/17]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the ongoing demonstration project regarding pre exposure prophylaxis; the stage in the demonstration project the HSE is currently at; if PrEP should be found feasible for HSE availability, if funding will be available for it to be accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35887/17]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the ongoing injunction action (details supplied) regarding the availability of generic pre exposure prophylaxis; if such an action will have an effect on the potential availability of PrEP with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35888/17]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on the provision of a drug (details supplied); if not, when a decision can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35898/17]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland is lagging behind other EU countries in reimbursement of persons that require new medicines which are routinely available across Europe; the obstacles preventing a more robust process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [35907/17]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the community ophthalmic medical services scheme is not yet rolled out despite being announced nine years ago; the counties and locations the pilot scheme is currently being offered in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35910/17]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the number of urologists available to cater for public patients in hospitals in the south east; the waiting time for a urology appointment for public patients classed as urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [35912/17]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the number of urologists available to cater for public patients in hospitals in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [35913/17]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for an outreach clinic in County Cork to facilitate children that need to be seen by a consultant paediatric gastroenterologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35926/17]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives employed by the HSE on a full time basis in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35931/17]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors employed by the HSE on a full time basis in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35932/17]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant doctors employed by the HSE on a full time basis in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35933/17]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for an outreach clinic in County Cork to facilitate children that need to be seen by a metabolic doctor from the specialist metabolic unit in Temple street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35938/17]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health when freestyle libre will be made available on the GMS and long term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [35965/17]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish the facts behind the increase in registration fees set by the Health Products Regulatory Authority that came into effect as of 1 January 2017; the consultation that took place in advance of these increases; the persons or groups that were consulted and the date of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [35966/17]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Health Products Regulatory Authority has and continues to ignore those unqualified practitioners that provide dentures directly to unsuspecting persons that is dental technicians that should respond only to the requests of trained and qualified dentists; his plans to challenge and prevent this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [35967/17]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health the prevalence of endometriosis here and across the European Union, if known; the extent of knowledge and the skills set regarding endometriosis

among the consultants here; and the location of same; the way in which treatment for the disease here compares to the excision surgery performed by a professor (details supplied) in Austria; his plans to train and upskill specialists here regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [35968/17]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional posts by job title recruited and appointed in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 for development of the deafhear national services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35971/17]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from referral to assessment for opioid substitution treatment by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35972/17]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocation in 2015, 2016 and 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35973/17]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); his plans to address the delays in regular dental developmental checks for primary school children here, in particular counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35989/17]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health the services available for children with autism spectrum disorder that are of pre school age in the Knocklyon area of Dublin south west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35992/17]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address an issue (details supplied); if he will ensure appropriate access to this essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35999/17]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the marked disparity between CHOs in the numbers waiting for a first appointment with CAMHS (details supplied); the details for each CHO and the numbers assessed for referral for a first appointment in March 2017. — James Browne. [36018/17]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times involved from when a person in care requiring psychological assessment is referred from Tusla to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36022/17]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of the drug respreeza, zemaira; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36028/17]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided for service users by the HSE for day services for persons with disabilities on a county basis including the name of the service providers to whom the funding is being provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36043/17]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health if there is means by which a person that suffers from a disability and that has been allocated funding for day services with a service provider can have the

funding allocated to a separate service provider or receive a direct payment in lieu; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36044/17]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36046/17]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have applied for the fair deal scheme in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in counties Cavan and Monaghan, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36053/17]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that were granted a place under the fair deal scheme in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36056/17]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of home help hours the HSE provided to persons in each county in particular counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath 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. — Niamh Smyth. [36057/17]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 401 of 16 May 2017, the number of children's disability network teams in CHO area 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36069/17]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1081 of 2 May 2017, the average waiting time for this type of surgery; if this report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36070/17]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 241 of 2 June 2016, if this report is now available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36071/17]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to approve the entresto drug for use by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36087/17]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [36089/17]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists in County Laois; and the number of days they work each week. — Brian Stanley. [36090/17]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the inclusion of melatonin as a prescription drug under the general medical card scheme, specifically in instances where this drug is prescribed to children in receipt of a domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36091/17]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health when the gratuity payment due to certain home help workers will be made in lieu of pension payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36092/17]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a service (details supplied); his plans to increase funding in this area to provide more places nationally and particular in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36105/17]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff vacancies in Donegal hospitals either university or community (details supplied); the details of medical staff across all departmental headings , nursing staff, auxiliary nursing staff, nursing aid, general hospital maintenance and cleaning staff and other grades; the details of the change in staff numbers in all hospitals named in each of the years from December 2008 to December 2016; his plans for restoring staffing numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36107/17]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) with a medical card is covered for orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [36108/17]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for St Joseph's hospital, Stranorlar; his further plans for keeping all 78 short and long term stay beds which are based in wards (details supplied) in the hospital; the timeframe for staff restoration in order to facilitate this commitment at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36109/17]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to retain the long term bed capacity at Lifford community hospital; his further plans to bring the hospital up to the required standards to ensure its future survival; the delivery of such proposals; the stage at which those plans are at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36110/17]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for retaining all long term bed capacity at Ramelton community hospital; his further plans for the long term future of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36111/17]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on mental health within County Donegal in each of the years 2008 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36112/17]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for restoring the cardiac rehab programme to the previous centres of Dungloe and Ballyliffen which operated until 2010 but that have been suspended since then; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36113/17]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for retaining the Woodville specialist dementia care unit at St Joseph's hospital Stranorlar, County Donegal; his further plans for restoring staff numbers at the unit and improvements for the specialist dementia unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36124/17]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is not receiving the correct home help. — Niamh Smyth. [36136/17]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health when discussions regarding the new translarna medication to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy will be approved, in view of the fact persons with very severe medical conditions are confined to wheelchairs and urgently need this medicine as it can be life changing; the timeframe in respect of negotiations; when the medicine will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36137/17]

*1012. 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. [36146/17]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36159/17]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds and procedure beds in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, for the past five years, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36207/17]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations; the procedures cancelled in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36208/17]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were outsourced; the procedures for which the persons were outsourced; the location to which the persons were outsourced in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36209/17]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trolleys in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36210/17]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for each hospital department in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36211/17]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36212/17]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the capital spend for Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36213/17]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the operational spend at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36214/17]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health the agency staff spend at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36215/17]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments before cancellations at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36216/17]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the did not attend rate in percentages at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36217/17]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health if Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital implement the SDU/HSE guidelines for did not attend. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36218/17]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health if Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital operates or plan to operate a text alert to persons in advance of outpatient departments appointments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36219/17]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatres and the number operational at Our Lady's Children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36220/17]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health the age profile of persons attending the emergency department; the reasons for attending at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe Women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36221/17]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2004 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36222/17]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2004 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36223/17]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2004 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36224/17]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that the full capacity protocol has been deployed at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the process for implementing this protocol at the hospital; and the effect on wider services at the hospital when it is deployed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36225/17]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that had elective surgery cancelled or rescheduled more than once in 2016 and to date in 2017 at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36226/17]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the policy or procedures in place in the accident and emergency department of Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital when an adult, adolescent or child respectively presents with suicidal ideation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36227/17]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide crisis assessment nurses in Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36228/17]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the psychiatric and mental health services and facilities available at the Coombe women and children's hospital; the number of consultants, specialists and nurses working in these services and facilities and their role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36229/17]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend at Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36230/17]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the operating budget for Our Lady's children's hospital and the Coombe women and children's hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [36231/17]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal has been refused a primary medical certificate. — Pearse Doherty. [36232/17]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue on a medical card review for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36234/17]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue on a medical card application for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36235/17]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will issue on a medical card review for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36236/17]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an orthopaedic appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [36241/17]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health the reason allocated care hours and schedules are not being fully met for home care provision for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36248/17]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the cannabis access programme for cannabis based treatments for qualifying persons (details supplied); when it will be in place; and if legislation will be required or if it can be put in place in advance of legislation being enacted. — Niamh Smyth. [36250/17]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in appointing nurses that have retired but are now willing to return to the profession; the reason nurses like these early retirees are not actively encouraged back into the workforce, especially in cases in which there is a skills shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36254/17]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health when full time residential care will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [36255/17]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include asthma medication in the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36259/17]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health when full bed capacity will be restored at a hospital (details supplied), in view of the critical importance of this facility for persons throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36266/17]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a residential placement for a person (details supplied) who is currently residing with their grandparents and need their own supervised independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36268/17]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 197 of 10 May 2017, the reason for the delay in finalising this matter if he will expedite same to ensure that persons in south Tipperary are no longer discriminated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36282/17]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health if the project for the provision of an early pregnancy assessment unit, a foetal assessment unit and a urodynamics laboratory in Wexford general hospital will be completed by the end of 2017. — James Browne. [36284/17]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the status of medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36285/17]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the allocation of a dietician for autistic services in a region (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36286/17]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 that the HSE escalation policy has been in effect at Naas general hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36289/17]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 that the HSE escalation policy was implemented in hospitals; which hospitals; the length of time on each occasion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36290/17]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it will cost to maintain the current levels of service provision across the health service in 2018 in view of demographic changes and inflation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36352/17]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the health budget that is spent on direct or indirect subsidies to private medicine. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36353/17]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to reduce prescription charges by €0.50. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36354/17]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to reduce the DPS threshold to €132, €100 and €50, respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36355/17]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to add 1,000 acute beds to the hospital network. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36356/17]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to hire 4,000 new nurses on the pre 2011 rate of pay. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36357/17]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to hire 500 consultants. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36358/17]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to hire 500 directly employed GPs, 100 speech and language therapists, 100 psychologists, 100 occupational therapists and 100 physiotherapists to staff primary care centres. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36359/17]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to six and six to 18 years of age respectively with autistic spectrum disorder that are being or were diagnostically assessed on a monthly basis, by county for each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36370/17]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a designated area or facility within the HSE's portfolio or otherwise in Drogheda to allow for meetings to take place for the carers of persons with mental health issues; if so, the facilities available in Drogheda that would be suitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36371/17]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts required to deliver full diagnostic assessments and support services to children on a waiting list with autistic spectrum disorder in an area (details supplied); the number of posts required on an ongoing basis to deliver the necessary therapies and supports for those children, based on current trends; the details of the posts for occupational therapists, psychologist, speech and language therapists posts under relevant headings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36372/17]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and wards in all public and voluntary acute hospitals that were closed on 14 July 2017 or the latest date on which data for validated bed closures at hospital and ward level are available, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [36374/17]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in all public and voluntary acute hospitals at the end of June 2017 or the latest date available; and the number of which have been delayed for periods (details supplied) respectively, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [36375/17]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health if persons aged 75 years of age or over have experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours to date in 2017; and, if so, the hospital in which the wait occurred. — Billy Kelleher. [36376/17]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the targets in place for organ donation and transplant rates; if they have been achieved to date in 2017; and if not, the progress made towards achieving the targets. — Billy Kelleher. [36377/17]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the preparations that have been put in place for the implementation of the policy on trauma systems here. — Billy Kelleher. [36378/17]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the planning of a national genetic and genomic medicine network service which will operate on a hub and spoke basis; the location of the hubs and spokes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36379/17]

- *1074. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective inpatient discharges in each public and voluntary hospital during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36380/17]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Health the number of haemodialysis patients treated in acute hospitals during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36381/17]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Health the number of haemodialysis patients treated in contracted centres during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36382/17]
- *1077. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home therapies dialysis patients treated during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36383/17]
- *1078. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost through delayed discharges during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36384/17]
- *1079. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of acute stroke patients that have spent all or some of their hospital stay in an acute or combined stroke unit during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36385/17]
- *1080. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of persons with confirmed acute ischaemic stroke that receive thrombolysis during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36386/17]
- *1081. To ask the Minister for Health the acute hospitals that have a COPD outreach programme. — Billy Kelleher. [36387/17]
- *1082. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the rapid access lung clinic in designated cancer centres during the first six months of 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36388/17]
- *1083. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the rapid access prostate clinic in cancer centres during the first six months of 2017; and the number of persons attending prostate rapid clinics that attended or were offered an appointment within 20 working days of receipt of referral in the cancer centres over the same time period. — Billy Kelleher. [36389/17]
- *1084. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the Health Service Executive spent on agency staff each month to date in 2017; the equivalent figures for each month in 2016; the proportion of the HSE's anticipated agency staff expenditure for 2017 that has been incurred to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [36390/17]
- *1085. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in prescription charges for medical card prescriptions in each of the years 2011 to 2016; and the amount projected for 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36391/17]
- *1086. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to provide individualised budgets to persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36394/17]
- *1087. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it would cost to reinstate all the downgraded and closed accident and emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36398/17]
- *1088. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36427/17]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health when he will appoint a psychologist for children with autism aged between 6 and 18 years of age to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36432/17]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the waiting lists for occupational therapy assessments for children with autism between 6 to 18 years of age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36433/17]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to run parent workshops in an area (details supplied); the basis of the workshops; the proposed content of those workshops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36436/17]

*1092. 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. [36448/17]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the arrangements in contracts between the his department, the HSE and hospital consultants in relation to the carrying out of private work in public hospitals; the contractual arrangements in place to protect against private work impacting on consultants public work; the arrangements in place to ensure that operations for private patients do not displace operations on patients on the public list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36466/17]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the emergency department task force report recommendations; and the recommendations that have and have not been fully implemented, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [36487/17]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the recruitment of staff in Ballymote primary care centre; when the recruitment process will commence; the way in which and when positions will be advertised; the type of staff currently sought; when interviews are due to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [36496/17]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the consideration of a proposal to provide specific general practitioner training programme for County Kildare in view of the increasing population in the county and concerns around the future availability of GP's particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36502/17]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a short stay ward at Letterkenny university hospital has recently closed; the number of beds that were located in this ward; if all these beds have been reopened in another section of the hospital; if the total number of beds available in the hospital has been affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36508/17]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the request made by Letterkenny university hospital for additional staff to re-open the recently closed short stay ward at the hospital; the number of nursing posts and other support staff posts requested; the number of beds the additional staff will create at the hospital; the date on which the request was made to Saolta for the additional staff; when approval is expected; the timeframe for the additional beds to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36509/17]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to refurbish the medical rehab ward at St Conal's hospital in Letterkenny; the number of beds currently in the ward; the type of refurbishment involved;

if the work has been tendered; the timeframe for the works to take place and be completed; the projected cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36510/17]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents on the waiting list at the child and adult mental health services in Cork city south Lee; the timeframe they are waiting; the posts that are vacant; if recruitment is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36513/17]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents on the waiting list at the child and adult mental health services at a location (details supplied); the timeframe they are waiting; the posts that are vacant; if recruitment is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36514/17]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information regarding public hospital waiting lists for surgery (details supplied). — Michael McGrath. [36516/17]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information regarding public hospital waiting lists (details supplied). — Michael McGrath. [36517/17]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment to see a consultant. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36518/17]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in a location (details supplied) on a waiting list for orthodontic assessment and for orthodontic treatment; the timeframe they have been waiting; the number of consultants providing such services in the location including vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36519/17]

*1106. 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. [36520/17]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the detail and composition of the multi disciplinary team in a location (details supplied); the disciplines provided for the school; and the number of professional persons allocated to each discipline. — Joan Collins. [36530/17]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health community residences that have implemented the tobacco free campus policy; and the percentage of mental health community residences that now do so. — James Browne. [36531/17]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health approved centres that have implemented the tobacco free campus policy; and the percentage of mental health approved centres that now do so. — James Browne. [36532/17]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of a national mental health promotion plan. — James Browne. [36533/17]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for assessment for cataracts in counties Cork and Kerry; the waiting time for assessment; the number of persons waiting for a cataract operation in counties Cork and Kerry for less than 12 months and more than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36534/17]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed as home help by the HSE in each of the years since 2010, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36554/17]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the national dementia strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36555/17]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand funding and assistance in the area of community support for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36556/17]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36569/17]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an assessment of need beyond the time periods permitted by the Disability Act 2005 in Galway city and county; the length of time they have been waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36585/17]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to provide a carer for a person (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36586/17]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid or reimbursed for treatments in the European Union for holders of the European health insurance card in 2014, 2015 and 2016. — Louise O'Reilly. [36590/17]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Cork city and county on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy; the length of time the children are on the waiting list, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36605/17]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Galway city and county on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy; the length of time the children are on the waiting list, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36606/17]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HSE's development of a community based cardiac rehab programme in collaboration with a charity (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [36608/17]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential units for older persons that have implemented the tobacco free campus policy; and the percentage of residential units for older persons which now do so. — Billy Kelleher. [36609/17]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential disability services that have implemented the tobacco free campus policy; and the percentage of residential disability services which now do so. — Billy Kelleher. [36610/17]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of smokers that have received or are receiving intensive cessation support from a cessation counsellor either face to face, in a group, by phone or via a HSE QUIT team to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36611/17]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have enrolled in QUIT programmes to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36612/17]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health if all hospitals in each hospital group are implementing a healthier vending policy in hospital groups. — Billy Kelleher. [36613/17]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons participating in HSE funded community cooking programmes. — Billy Kelleher. [36614/17]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the development and implementation of a HSE hospital food and nutrition policy in acute hospitals; if the policy is now finalised; and if so, the hospitals in each hospital group which are implementing it. — Billy Kelleher. [36615/17]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the development and implementation of a national clinical guideline for identification and management of under nutrition in acute hospitals; if the guidelines are now finalised; and if so, the hospitals in each hospital group which are implementing it. — Billy Kelleher. [36616/17]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health the hospital groups and hospitals within each that have completed calorie posting. — Billy Kelleher. [36617/17]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of babies breastfed exclusively and not exclusively at first PHN visit; and the percentage of babies breastfed exclusively and not exclusively at the three month PHN developmental check. — Billy Kelleher. [36618/17]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of local and national partnership plans developed and agreed under the dementia understand together campaign. — Billy Kelleher. [36619/17]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 50 to 64 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36620/17]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 65 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36621/17]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 66 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36622/17]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 67 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36623/17]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 68 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36624/17]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 69 years of age invited for a breastcheck screening to date in 2017; the number that accepted the offer; and the number that have been screened. — Billy Kelleher. [36625/17]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of women that to date in 2017 have been offered an appointment for an assessment clinic within two weeks of notification of an abnormal mammographic result. — Billy Kelleher. [36626/17]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of women that to date in 2017 have been invited for screening within 24 months of becoming eligible or since their last screening appointment. — Billy Kelleher. [36627/17]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have completed a satisfactory FIT test to date in 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [36628/17]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of urgent cases offered a colposcopy appointment within two weeks of receipt of a letter in the clinic. — Billy Kelleher. [36629/17]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons screened with final grading result with regard to the diabetic retinascreen programme and its operation to date in 2017; the percentage uptake rate; and the percentage of persons screened that are issued a result within three weeks. — Billy Kelleher. [36630/17]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake to date in 2017 in each CHO for the HPV vaccine. — Billy Kelleher. [36631/17]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of official food control planned and planned surveillance inspections of food businesses to date in 2017 with regard to the HSE Food Safety Authority of Ireland service contract. — Billy Kelleher. [36632/17]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the sun bed test purchase and mystery shopper inspection programme under the Public Health (Sunbeds) Act 2014; the test purchase inspections completed to date in 2017; and the mystery shopper inspections completed over the same timeframe. — Billy Kelleher. [36633/17]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drinking water samples taken to date in 2017 to assess fluoride parameter compliance. — Billy Kelleher. [36634/17]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health if his department will contribute to the funding of a second Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland study as has been recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36641/17]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health the theatre capacity for Cappagh hospital; his views on the utilisation of this capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36643/17]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the escalating and widespread issue of the use of crack cocaine; the data which is available to him on such usage; and the treatment response to this issue. — Róisín Shortall. [36647/17]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency hired emergency department consultants in each acute public hospital in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36653/17]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health if he has provided the promised Memo to Cabinet in respect of Sláintecare; and the position in respect of the establishment of an implementation office to give effect to the proposals in the plan. — Róisín Shortall. [36654/17]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the details and status of all inspection reports carried out by HIQA in respect of the implementation of each reports' recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36655/17]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the supports which exist by county for young adults with an intellectual disability, just turned 18 years of age, for their continuing education and development; the further supports which exist or are planned; if further resources will be supplied in budget 2018 or through another mechanism to ensure SNA supports for all in this cohort that need them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [36664/17]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are so many unfilled senior management posts in CH09; and the steps he is taking to ensure these posts are filled without further delay. — Róisín Shortall. [36669/17]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money which has been spent to date on the national treatment purchase fund by hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36678/17]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate a situation which occurred in St James's Hospital (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [36679/17]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36732/17]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36748/17]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36764/17]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36855/17]

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

*1162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on concerns or reservations regarding transparency or possible conflicts of interest in the Marine Institute's foreshore planning application (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [35899/17]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to delay further progress of the Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 in view of Britain's recent decision to withdraw from the London Fisheries Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34939/17]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a GLAS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34940/17]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will grant pedigree status to a breed of cattle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34942/17]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [34972/17]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grants are available to help repair and aid the maintenance of coastal slipways; if not, his plans for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [34975/17]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 1599 of 20 June 2017, if payment has issued to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding the organic farming scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35054/17]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the eligibility criteria for TAMS applicants from the tillage area, that is, that he waive the requirement of tractor mounted sprayers be electronically functional and GPS friendly. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [35061/17]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a refusal of a farm payment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35078/17]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the information technology functionality will be available to process the GLAS 1 and 2 applications that were refused in error by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [35079/17]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35135/17]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35137/17]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) for refusal of a GLAS tier 1 payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35139/17]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35142/17]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35143/17]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 589 of 11 July 2017, if a 2017 basic payment scheme application was made regarding a land parcel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35156/17]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times the steering committee has met since being appointed to manage the review of his department's inspection regime as part of the programme for government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35159/17]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 1710 of 20 June 2017, when payment will issue. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35191/17]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35220/17]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the review of replacement tonnage for fishing boats will be completed and the results published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35301/17]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when persons (details supplied) can expect a decision on their TAMS application. — Barry Cowen. [35304/17]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35309/17]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the outcome of the nitrates directive review allows for greater flexibilities, a more workable regulation, reduced penalties and in particular the introduction of a yellow card system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35317/17]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a penalty has been implemented on a person's BPS payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35400/17]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 355 of 12 July 2017, if he will re-examine the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35420/17]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason incorrect information was given to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo regarding their GLAS payment; the reason they were informed that it would be paid in the next payment run when this was clearly not the case; and when this application will be finalised in view of the fact the lack of payment to this person is causing undue financial hardship. — Michael Ring. [35421/17]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35481/17]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if emergency compensation is available from his department for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35613/17]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm grant application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35664/17]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the new guidelines in relation to the subsidy for the ownership of donkeys which is now only available if the donkey was in the ownership of the farmer before May of the year in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35708/17]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expedite the GLAS 2 payments for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35741/17]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a review of the case of a person (details supplied); and if there is a timeframe for its completion. — Niamh Smyth. [35742/17]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 1142 of 2 May 2017, if he will provide an update (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35751/17]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant schemes that exist for persons wishing to develop biomass projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35813/17]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of requests by local authorities for funding for the upgrade or maintenance of ports or harbours; the amount requested by each; the amount of funding allocated to each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35815/17]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35895/17]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 346 of 12 July 2017, the details of the process of assessment undertaken which led to the observation submitted by An Bord Iascaigh Mhara under the aegis of the department in its role as a named external consultee, advising the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to a foreshore lease planning application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35897/17]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that new regulations introduced in January 2017 mean that cattle presented at a mart but not sold are not eligible for export for 30 days and that this is having a detrimental effect on the cattle trade and on exporters' ability to fulfil their contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35915/17]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the publication of a report (details supplied) into harness racing here in view of the fact that this report was due to be published in April 2017; the steps he is taking to promote and develop harness racing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35937/17]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of dredging Howth harbour, County Dublin in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35957/17]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost to increase the number of inspections of transport vehicles of exporters of live animals to at least 2,000 inspections per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35958/17]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase funding or introduce schemes in relation to farm safety, in view of the increase in farm deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35979/17]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average full year payment to farmers under GLAS 1, GLAS 2 and GLAS 3 respectively; the amount paid out under this scheme to date in 2017 from its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35995/17]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of land in each county that is now used for forestry, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36031/17]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the sale of a village (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36032/17]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by

these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36150/17]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the farm inspection regime is fair; if he has satisfied himself that the penalties being given are in line with protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36275/17]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his department is addressing the bureaucracy and red tape that persons are facing when it comes to the knowledge transfer programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36276/17]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether there is sufficient competition in the beef sector to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36277/17]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of GLAS 2016 persons that have been paid their balancing payments in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the number outstanding in each county, in tabular form; when payment will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36278/17]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the ANC review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36279/17]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a report (details supplied); if his department is considering this to help with farm safety; if an alternative safer PTO system can be examined in the interest of safety; his plans to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36292/17]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cattle underpasses can be grant aided in the interest of road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [36434/17]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36486/17]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a grant application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36488/17]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36494/17]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the ongoing review of ANCs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36511/17]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36560/17]

*1220. 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 total 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 the 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. [36680/17]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the tillage compensation fund agreed. — Charlie McConalogue. [36681/17]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received under the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme 2 by county, in tabular form; the number of approved applications by county; the number of payment claims logged by county; the number of payment claims that have been approved for payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36682/17]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 228 of 29 June 2017, when a reply will issue. — Charlie McConalogue. [36683/17]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the animal identification and movement (AIM) system should not penalise farmers and that the system should not be open to third parties and should not be restricted by his department; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that other EU countries prohibit third parties from accessing all prior movement data; and his further views on AIM data being used by factories and retailers to penalise farmers based on the number of movements of their livestock. — Charlie McConalogue. [36684/17]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the State aid rules in operation under the Common Fisheries Policy. — Charlie McConalogue. [36685/17]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of discussions he has had with the Minister for Health regarding the completion of the fair deal nursing home support scheme; and his views on providing a discount on chargeable farm assets similar to the agricultural tax relief applied. — Charlie McConalogue. [36686/17]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he raised the subject of a Brexit financial package for farmers at the most recent EU agriculture ministers meeting; and if so, if the proposal was accepted. — Charlie McConalogue. [36687/17]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he made the case for a revision of State aid de minimis rules to provide support to farmers. — Charlie McConalogue. [36688/17]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual cost to the State of maintaining each regional veterinary laboratory for the period 2014 to 2016; and the amount allocated for the regional veterinary laboratory network in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [36689/17]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the exact criteria that exist for funding under TAMS 2 for purchase of trailing shoe equipment. — Charlie McConalogue. [36690/17]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department examined and if he has a view on requiring meat processors to report wholesale prices and stocks, twice daily across all beef cuts sold, as is the regime in the USA. — Charlie McConalogue. [36691/17]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the recent beef round table forum regarding processor requirements around carcass weights with the 30 month age limit. — Charlie McConalogue. [36692/17]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of suckler beef farmers per county, in tabular form; the number of suckler farmers enrolled in the BDGP per county; the average payment per animal; the maximum payment per animal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36695/17]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in each county that have suckler cows, broken down by herd size, zero to ten, 11 to 20, and so on, in tabular form; the number of farmers on the same basis that have applied for the beef data and genomics scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36696/17]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that participated in the suckler herds welfare scheme 2008 to 2012; the annual expenditure for the scheme in each year; the maximum payment made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36697/17]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares currently eligible under the BPS and greening scheme, by county; the total percentage of eligible land by county covered by the scheme out of total national land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36698/17]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of knowledge transfer group participants that have completed their farm improvement plans, by county; and the number per county that have not completed their farm improvement plans. — Charlie McConalogue. [36699/17]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to assist farmers with the costs associated with the establishment and ongoing running costs of producer organisations. — Charlie McConalogue. [36700/17]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants enrolled in the sheep welfare scheme; the amount of expenditure expected to be drawn down in year one of the scheme; and the amount expended to date. — Charlie McConalogue. [36701/17]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the allocating funding for an integrated biomass mobilisation programme to support farmers to invest in farm based infrastructure, such as specialised machinery, storage and drying units. — Charlie McConalogue. [36705/17]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost to the exchequer of proposals by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36706/17]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount expended on the scheme of investment aid for commercial horticulture in 2016; and the 2017 budget allocation. — Charlie McConalogue. [36707/17]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36723/17]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36739/17]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36755/17]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36850/17]

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

*1247. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of funding that has been provided by his department or agencies under its remit to individual local authorities for the provision of electric vehicle charging points; his plans in relation to this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35043/17]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he has taken to bring to the European Council the proposal that Ireland should, as a result of anticipated failure to meet the 2020 greenhouse gas emissions target for the non traded sector, have a higher target in subsequent years than there would be if the target was met; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this will make the State a problem country for European climate policy. — Catherine Martin. [35068/17]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to establish an eel hardship package for eel fishermen; if so, his further plans to ensure that the heritage of the eel fishermen will be preserved in cooperation between fishermen and Inland Fisheries Ireland heritage fisheries tourism to ensure the knowledge, history and methods are preserved for future generations for scientific and or tourism heritage programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35141/17]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the locations to which the brown waste that is collected by bin companies is brought; and the end use of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35187/17]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a review on salmon fishing drift net ban which was imposed on inshore fishermen in 2006 will occur (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35280/17]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider a pilot project in which a number of fishermen from each county would take part in a scheme overseen by the Marine Institute to ascertain stocks sea, the results of which would determine the need salmon fishing drift net ban on the inshore fishing community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35281/17]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grant schemes that exist for persons wishing to establish renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35812/17]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the total allowable catch for Loughros More commercial salmon fishing is calculated by Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36084/17]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the sources of funding, including contributions in kind, for all aspects of the ocean energy programme and the offshore renewable energy development plan, up to the projected end date of these programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36429/17]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been asked to provide consent for oil drilling to begin by a company (details supplied) in the southern porcupine basin off the south west coast; and if so, his plans to give that consent. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36501/17]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of digital trading vouchers provided by LEOs on an annual basis over the period 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Niall Collins. [36712/17]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount expended on the digital trading vouchers scheme provided by LEOs on an annual basis over the period 2014 to 2016; and the budget allocation in 2017. — Niall Collins. [36713/17]

*1259. 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); if the State will resist attempts by the UK, the EU, other parties to the Convention and the nuclear lobby to undermine and weaken these findings of non compliance which may occur at the September 2017 meeting of the parties for the Aarhus Convention; if not, the basis for the State's decision; the person that will represent the State at the upcoming Aarhus meeting of the parties in Budva, Montenegro from 11 to 14 September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34903/17]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of agency workers working at Bord Na Móna for the past five years by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34916/17]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for publishing the national mitigation strategy under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34938/17]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband service will be available to all houses in the Bellinteer, Navan, County Meath area following new exchange services in the area. — Thomas Byrne. [34955/17]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level and type of lobbying that the waste industry has carried out in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34968/17]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consult the public over increases to the television licence fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35015/17]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the level of funding that has been provided by his department or agencies under its remit to local authorities for the provision of electric vehicle charging points; his plans in relation to this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35024/17]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been paid to renewable energy operators to curtail or dump energy; the corresponding amount of energy that was curtailed over the same period in each of the past five years, in tabular form; his views on the level of moneys being paid; if his attention has been drawn to plans to use this energy in a more efficient way; his plans for legislative changes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35025/17]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been collected from homeowners and businesses since the introduction of the PSO energy levy; his views on the burden this is placing on families and businesses; his plans to reduce the levy in conjunction with the CER; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35026/17]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the discussions he has had with the energy providers and CER to utilise more renewable energy on the grid; the steps he is taking to help reduce energy costs for homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35027/17]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the amount and value of the renewable energy that will be curtailed or spilled over the next number of years that is not brought onto the energy grid in view of the increase in the level of sources of renewable energy; if his department has compiled research on this matter; if his attention has been further drawn to research in this area; the likely costs arising from the ongoing curtailing and spilling of energy; his views on whether the level of curtailment and spilling of energy is contributing to increased energy bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35029/17]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for the next national cyber security strategy; the period that the next strategy will cover; his plans to publish a review of the current strategy and its effectiveness; the improvements or modifications that are planned arising from the existing strategy national cyber security strategy 2015 to 2017; the detail of the cyber security awareness activities carried out as per the current strategy document; the number of businesses, organisations and public sector bodies that have partnered with the cyber

security awareness activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35030/17]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if additional resources, training or supports have been provided to public bodies, including local authorities, arising from the high profile cyber security breaches against such organisations in 2017; his views on the level of preparedness that exists with the public sector, including the health and justice areas, to deal with such attacks; if he has satisfied himself that the legislation is strong enough in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35031/17]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he has taken since taking up office to improve national cyber security awareness; the level of engagement that he has with consumer, community and citizen advocacy groups on the matter; if he has satisfied himself with the level of preparedness that exists within crucial private sector organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35032/17]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his legislative priorities in the area of cyber security and awareness; if he has engaged with his European ministerial colleagues on these matters; his views on the increased proliferation of cyber security attacks; his plans for a pan European response to these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35033/17]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a broadband upgrade in view of the fact the current levels of broadband speed at this address are unsatisfactory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35055/17]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the maps for fibre roll out which include the dark blue, light blue and amber colour codes have been created by computer algorithms only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35073/17]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the renewal heat incentive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35077/17]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to raise the television licence fee; the status of discussions at present; if he has met with RTÉ specifically in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35089/17]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if grant aid is available for a specific purpose (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [35099/17]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department will ensure that brown bins for organic waste will be made available to all householders in view of the fact the absence of a brown bin service here will lead to even greater increases in refuse charges under the pay by weight regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35148/17]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [35223/17]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if broadband will be provided for 75 persons in Sandycove, Kinsale, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35278/17]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the plans and provisions in place to increase the accessibility to fast charge units for electric vehicle cars across the country; his plans to provide incentives to private enterprises to install electric vehicle charge points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35357/17]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason both the Kilberry and Kildangan areas of County Kildare have bad mobile phone coverage; and his plans to alleviate these ongoing issues. — Seán Crowe. [35405/17]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the lack of crayfish in the Stradbally river, Barrow tributary and minnows from the Barrow river; if these losses are due to the massive proliferation of dace; and his plans to help both minnows and crayfish in the river. — Seán Crowe. [35407/17]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to the Aarhus Convention, if the State will support the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention compliance committee which found that countries (details supplied) were in breach of the public participation requirements of the convention in respect of the transboundary consultations provided for in the decision to approve the development consent for the nuclear power project in the UK; his plans to resist attempts by the UK, the EU, other parties to the Convention and the nuclear lobby to undermine and weaken these findings of non compliance which may occur at the September 2017 meeting of the parties for the Aarhus Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [35415/17]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the person that will represent the State at the upcoming Aarhus meeting of the parties in Budva, Montenegro from 11 to 14 September 2017; his views on the importance of the meeting in view of an ESRI report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [35416/17]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the north south interconnector project; if he will address the concerns of persons in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35471/17]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he is taking in relation to poor mobile phone coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35472/17]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he is taking to increase work for the post office network in order to assist it in remaining viable; his negotiations on this to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35473/17]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether the UK leaving the EU will have implications for mobile phone users along the border when it comes to roaming charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35474/17]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35484/17]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter with regard to phone coverage for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35696/17]

*1293. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an aontaíonn sé go bhfuil ról lárnach ag na meáin i slánú agus fás na Gaeilge agus, chuige sin, an mbeidh sé sásta bualadh le toscaireacht ó Raidió Rí-Rá chun plé a dhéanamh ar a bplean an tseirbhís dhigiteach atá acu a leathnú amach chun bheith ina seirbhís raidió Gaeilge, a bheidh dírithe ar dhaoine óga agus ar fáil ar FM go lánaimseartha ar bhonn uile-oileáin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [35700/17]

*1294. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an aontaíonn sé le Comhchoiste an Oireachtais don Ghaeilge go bhfuil deis ann, i bhfianaise a bhfuil bainte amach ag TG4 ó bunaíodh é fiche bliain ó shin, céim shuntasach chun cinn a dhéanamh in úsáid na Gaeilge ag daoine óga trí sheirbhís raidió Gaeilge a bhunú, a bheidh dírithe ar dhaoine óga agus ar fáil ar FM go lánaimseartha ar bhonn uile-oileáin, agus an mbeidh sé sásta bualadh le lucht bainistíochta Raidió Rí-Rá chun é seo a phlé; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [35701/17]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department can speed up broadband in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35715/17]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the broadband speeds in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35733/17]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost of extending the warmer home scheme to include door and window insulation, external wall insulation and dry lining insulation, in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [35736/17]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated costs of extending the natural gas network to towns with a population of over 5,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35810/17]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the grant schemes that exist for persons or communities wishing to establish renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35814/17]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to provide broadband to an area (details supplied) in which a gap in service exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35830/17]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has considered a support scheme to encourage the growth in renewal gas bio gas plants with potential to feed into the gas grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [35831/17]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will examine the case of a company (details supplied) in County Kerry that cannot access fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35914/17]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been in contact with his counterparts in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35929/17]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his response to the Irish Postmasters' Union withdrawing from negotiations on the future of the post office network; the way in which he plans to secure the future of the post office network going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36045/17]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made in relation to providing better mobile signals within County Donegal since the governments recent strategy report on same; his further plans to encourage mobile phone operators to increase their service availability in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36123/17]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to outsource the collection of the television licence fee to an agent other than An Post; the likely cost to the State of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36135/17]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to regulatory compliance issues regarding the Bord na Móna acquisition of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36143/17]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36153/17]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of each inspection carried out on a privately operated tailrace at Clohamon on the river Slaney from 1 January to 20 June 2017; the date of each inspection; the authority that carried out each inspection;

and if salmon were observed by the inspection team during each inspection, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [36258/17]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to extend high speed broadband in the area of Newtown, Lullymore, Rathangan, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36553/17]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36563/17]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the procurement process for the national broadband plan. — Timmy Dooley. [36601/17]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of full time equivalent positions in his department with responsibility for the national broadband plan. — Timmy Dooley. [36602/17]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes connected under his department's agreement with a company (details supplied). — Timmy Dooley. [36603/17]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be provided at a location (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [36607/17]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the proposed €1.5 million reduction in landfill fees offered to waste companies to offset the cost of an awareness campaign on pay by weight; the total of the reduction provided to each waste collection company in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36648/17]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to limit the fees that can be charged by waste collection companies; his plans to set minimum or maximum limits for standing charges; his further plans to set minimum or maximum limits for lift charges; his plans to stipulate the type of bins on which charges can be levied; and if customers that sign a new contract before 1 September 2017 will not experience a change in price for 12 months. — Róisín Shortall. [36649/17]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the system in place for calibrating and verifying the accuracy of the weight measures used on waste collection trucks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36650/17]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there have been applications for an oil exploration licence at Kish Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36656/17]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been asked to provide consent for oil drilling to begin by a company (details supplied) in the southern porcupine basin off the south west coast; and if he plans to give that consent. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36658/17]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 1034 of 13 July 2017, if there is a government policy in relation to the emissions of green house gases from development sites on peatlands including degraded peatlands to which planning authorities should have regard assessing proposals for renewable energy or other developments. — Catherine Martin. [36670/17]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for farming and community based renewable heat projects to be provided as part of a wider renewable heat incentive programme. — Charlie McConalogue. [36704/17]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost to the exchequer of proposals by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36710/17]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36726/17]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36742/17]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36758/17]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36851/17]

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

*1328. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is legislation governing private operators clamping vehicles in private car parks at commercial or private residential premises areas; if so, if there is a limit to the amount that can be charged for the removal of the clamp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34983/17]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Narrow Water Bridge Project; if reports of it being in jeopardy are accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35786/17]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Narrow Water Bridge Project; if under planning law, reports of it being in jeopardy are accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35787/17]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with either the Northern Ireland authorities and or the UK government regarding the progressing of the

A5/N2 cross border motorway project.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36120/17]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the monitoring and enforcement regime on the mandatory wearing of life jackets; the number of detections of breaches of the regulations in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the consequences for the owners or managers of the vessels in question. — Eamon Ryan. [36577/17]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the completion of the new national sports policy framework. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [34907/17]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans to upgrade the N24 to motorway status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34927/17]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has discussed with his UK counterpart the possibility of a new aviation agreement between Ireland and Britain to avoid flight disruption as a result of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34935/17]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the 2017 allocation for the wheelchair accessible vehicle grant scheme; and the amount he plans to allocate in each of the years 2018 to 2021. — Imelda Munster. [34963/17]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications that have been made under the wheelchair accessible vehicle grant scheme, by year, since its inception, including 2017; and the number of persons that have been successful each year, including 2017. — Imelda Munster. [34964/17]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average waiting time for a driving test at each test centre in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [34967/17]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the due diligence between Dun Laoghaire harbour company and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown county council; the proposed timeframe for this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [34978/17]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be made available for a road (details supplied) in Glenbeigh, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35106/17]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reverse the decision of his department not to provide funding to Cork city council to assist with the escalating problem of Japanese knotweed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35147/17]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of his proposed transport forum; the bodies which will attend such a forum; if the forum will be on a statutory basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35149/17]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for increased funding for community involvement and local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35188/17]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a review has taken place regarding funding for community involvement and local improvement schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35189/17]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [35235/17]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the application by Limerick city and county council for traffic calming measures on the N69 outside a school (details supplied) in County Limerick. — Tom Neville. [35251/17]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to new bus services which will serve an estate (details supplied); the company providing this service; when this service will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [35256/17]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the assessment carried out by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of Ballyheane village, Castlebar, County Mayo further to the application to have the speed limit in the village extended south of the L57501 Carrowclogher Road; if TII attended physically at the site; if so, the person that attended; the assessment which was carried out; the details of the observations made; and the reason for refusal of the application to extend the speed limit. — Lisa Chambers. [35271/17]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is a grant programme open for swimming pools. — Thomas Byrne. [35297/17]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if applications have ever been made for a swimming pool in south County Meath; and when a decision will be made in respect thereof. — Thomas Byrne. [35298/17]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department will make provision in the capital roads budget to complete the section of the Portlaoise orbital route from Timahoe road, Portlaoise to Abbeyleix road, Portlaoise. — Brian Stanley. [35315/17]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many road haulage companies registered in Northern Ireland are operating here contrary to the cabotage rules governed by Regulation (EC) 1072/2009 as of 14 May 2010 (details supplied); if he will increase monitoring of this through the Road Safety Authority; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that road haulage companies operating within the rules are at a severe disadvantage. — Declan Breathnach. [35342/17]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason independent mediation services were not employed in respect of a case with the Irish Coast Guard (details supplied); the reason the Irish Coast Guard did not request such mediation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35347/17]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding allocated and actually distributed to local authorities for swimming pools between 2014 and 2016 and to date in 2017; his plans to launch a new schemes of funding for such facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35373/17]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the numbers of requests from local authorities for funding for swimming pools in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if funding was approved. — Alan Kelly. [35374/17]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will examine the possibility of funding a new water sports and activity centre in Athy, County Kildare in view of the fact that Athy has both a river and a canal and many groups and clubs would benefit from such a new centre. — Seán Crowe. [35406/17]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will increase funding to Cavan, Monaghan and Meath county councils to repair roads in bad need of upgrade and maintenance works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35436/17]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it is necessary to have a public services card to apply for a provisional or full drivers licence; the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [35438/17]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reintroduce the local improvement scheme in order that rural lanes and roads which are in bad need of repair can access funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35461/17]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the community involvement scheme is not the same scheme as the local improvement scheme; his further views on the fact that the lack of the local improvement scheme is leaving lanes and byroads in very poor repair; his views on whether this will take billions of euro to address in future years; if he will reintroduce the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35476/17]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35496/17]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average and longest wait time respectively in weeks by category (details supplied) in each test centre, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35519/17]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request Transport Infrastructure Ireland to observe traffic flow at Reen Cross, County Kerry (details supplied) with a view to finding an effective solution to resolving hazards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35665/17]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will publish the report by a company (details supplied) on Rosslare Europort; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35678/17]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request the Road Safety Authority to address the issue of waiting times for driving tests in County Kerry; the plans of the Authority to increase the numbers of testers in both test centres in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [35734/17]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the profit earned at Rosslare Europort; his plans for Rosslare Europort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35739/17]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a separate funding stream for schools that wish to introduce road safety measures at their facility and cannot access funding locally due to government cutbacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35752/17]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the greenway west of Athlone. — Robert Troy. [35801/17]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason he is not a member of the Cabinet Committee B in view of the fact that public transport is a key public service. — Robert Troy. [35807/17]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding sought by each local authority for the upgrade and maintenance of roads prior to the most recent allocation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35808/17]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the allocation by local authority for the upgrade and maintenance of roads, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35809/17]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he has taken since committing at the recent Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport meeting to review the 42 tonne, 5 axle derogation. — Robert Troy. [35836/17]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of draft statutory instruments or bills his department has presented to the Attorney General's Office in relation to making the Irish Aviation Authority a competent authority in dealing with noise regulations at Dublin airport. — Robert Troy. [35837/17]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the publication of the Moran inquiry report; if he has met with the Attorney General on this matter in June to date in 2017; if this report will be published before September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35862/17]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the 23% VAT rate reduction on the M50 toll charge which was introduced in April 2017 will be passed on to motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [35886/17]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Lusk area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35939/17]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Donabate and Portrane areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35940/17]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Skerries area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35941/17]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Malahide area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35942/17]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Swords area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35943/17]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Balbriggan area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35944/17]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Rush area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35945/17]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Portmarnock area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35946/17]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the bus service for the Kinsealy area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35947/17]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the planning extension of the DART to Balbriggan, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35976/17]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the provision of the Metro North from Dublin city centre to Swords, Lissenhall, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35977/17]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Balbriggan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35981/17]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Skerries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35982/17]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Rush and Lusk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35983/17]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Donabate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35984/17]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Malahide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35985/17]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the train service for Portmarnock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [35986/17]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to the delay in granting a tour operator licence to an airline carrier (details supplied); the steps that have been taken to inform persons on an individual basis regarding their proposed travel plans; the steps the company has taken to proceed with refunds to their customers; the way in which persons can obtain those refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36065/17]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects the tour operator licence to be issued to a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [36066/17]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the processing of the 2017 sports capital programme applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36082/17]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for fast tracking infrastructural projects within the border counties in advance of the conclusion of BREXIT talks; the priorities for Donegal infrastructural projects in the agreed capital plan by the government; the potential that such projects have for alleviating the impact of the BREXIT negotiations conclusions; his views on whether advance planning at this critical stage is prudent rather than waiting for talks to conclude before implementing a strategy to meet the infrastructural needs of the border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36114/17]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Fintra bridge project on the R263 in southwest Donegal; if he will report on the engineering staff intra engagement with the local authority and his departmental engineering staff on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36121/17]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for developing marine tourism in County Donegal; the way in which such plans could easily supplement the success of the Wild Atlantic Way; his strategy to maximise the marine tourism potential for coastal counties; the timeframe for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36125/17]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for developing tourism on off shore Islands and especially in County Donegal; his strategy to increase visitor numbers to the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36126/17]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36165/17]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will instruct the National Roads Authority to carry out an audit of the transport needs in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath for persons to be able to get to work; if persons with disabilities are being provided with equal access in these counties; if his department will engage with Cavan, Monaghan and Meath county councils to provide same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36251/17]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will expedite the east west link as an important part of infrastructure for east Cavan and the border region as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36252/17]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of the existing fleet of public transport in counties Cavan and Monaghan and throughout the country that are disability friendly, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36253/17]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the proposed timeframe for the approval of the 2017 sports capital programme applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36260/17]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allocate additional funding to Cavan and Monaghan county councils in 2017 for the non national road network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36262/17]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount it would cost to restore the CIÉ subvention to 2008 levels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36368/17]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount it would cost to restore the CIÉ subvention to 2008 levels and add 33%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36369/17]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount the conversion to automated stations including all ancillary works on the DART line will cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36395/17]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will commence the section of the Road Traffic Act 2016 which will establish a regulation system for rickshaw vehicles in view of the recent concerns expressed by members of the public in relation to this transport system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36453/17]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 675 of 11 July 2017, the way an organisation (details supplied) has selected athletes from Northern Ireland to compete in international events can be described as representing the Republic of Ireland; the reason the organisation should claim to restrict itself voluntarily to representing the Republic of Ireland; if this has formally been approved by the membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36505/17]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the basic material difference in comparing the functional standard of the physical rail line between Rosslare and Waterford and equivalent stretch of average, standard operating line on the Waterford to Limerick side in particular with reference to maximum or optimal speed possible. — Imelda Munster. [36538/17]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of preparing the Rosslare to Waterford railway line for renewed operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36539/17]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost if it were necessary to upgrade the Rosslare to Waterford line to a standard matching a similar or average operating line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [36540/17]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated spend on the public service obligation in each of the years 2018 to 2022. — Imelda Munster. [36559/17]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36575/17]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the construction of metro north will commence; the timeframe for construction; the target completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36587/17]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the DART interconnector and the DART underground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36588/17]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if, in line with the vision for the long term electrification of rail services and government policy on reducing urban air pollution, all procurement of new diesel powered rail rolling stock will be hybrid, that is, capable of electric operation in circumstances in which the rail is electrified. — Catherine Martin. [36671/17]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if, in line with government policy as set out in the national cycle policy framework, all procurement of new rail rolling stock will provide for increased space for carriage of bicycles. — Catherine Martin. [36672/17]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the percentage of Bus Éireann buses that are wheelchair accessible; the percentage of Dublin Bus buses that are wheelchair accessible; the percentage of Irish Rail that is wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [36674/17]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the percentage of train stations that are fully wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [36675/17]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps that have been taken since he took office to improve the wheelchair accessibility of bus stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [36676/17]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the notice required by Irish Rail if a person is a wheelchair user and wishes to travel by train; his plans to reduce this notice period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [36677/17]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36738/17]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36754/17]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36770/17]

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

*1427. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of women's refuge centres here, in tabular form; the number of women these centres can cater for; the number of women in these centres at present; the centre which supports women in counties Cavan and Monaghan; her plans to introduce more centres; the supports in place for women in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have no centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35745/17]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a campaign organised by a group (details supplied) regarding early years workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36055/17]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the decision to remove the counselling grant from the school completion programme in cases in which alternative resources are not available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34922/17]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if childcare providers registered with an organisation (details supplied) rather than Tusla will be eligible for the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [34981/17]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to release capital funding for a community crèche (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [35127/17]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to introduce a legislative framework; and the powers that social workers have to investigate allegations of abuse outside the home as recommended in the Ferns, Murphy and Cloyne Reports. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35201/17]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from her department and agencies under the aegis of her department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps she has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if she has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35222/17]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to the discovery of unmarked graves at a site in Tuam, the reason family members are not being contacted and liaised with in relation to the work that is taking place; and her plans in Tuam. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35457/17]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35465/17]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent by her department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35483/17]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 797 of 11 April 2017, the estimated cost of the measure assuming it will be introduced in September 2018; and the full year cost. — Pearse Doherty. [35710/17]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the criteria has changed for the local youth club grant scheme to prioritising groups in which 75% of the youth members are between 10 and 21 years of age and requiring 75% to be between 10 to 21 years of age. — Martin Kenny. [35822/17]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether scout groups could be disadvantaged by the change to the local youth club grant scheme which requires groups to have 75% of youth members between 10 and 21 years of age (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35823/17]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 402 of 12 July 2017, if she will refer to the submission from a charity (details supplied) as mentioned in a previous parliamentary question. — Robert Troy. [35835/17]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question numbers 835 and 837 of 7 March 2017 and 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated full year cost of paying ECCE workers the living wage of €11.50 per hour at the current 38 week term; and the estimated cost of paying ECCE workers the living wage €11.50 per hour for 41 and 44 weeks of the year, respectively. — Kathleen Funchion. [35905/17]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €10.60 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35917/17]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €10.70 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35918/17]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €10.80 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35919/17]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €10.90 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35920/17]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €11 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35921/17]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €11.10 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35922/17]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €11.20 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35923/17]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €11.30 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35924/17]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, the estimated cost per year of the ACS in the event that the wage rate for educators is revised from the current proposed wage rate for level 5 educators to €11.40 an hour; and the corresponding increases for level 6 and 7 educators. — Kathleen Funchion. [35925/17]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the specific funding her department or Tusla provides for mental health supports for children and young persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35930/17]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 660 of 23 May 2017, if a decision was made to raise subsidy rates proportionally to reflect a rise in wages to €11.50 to educators qualified to level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, €13.00 for level 6 educators and €14.75 for level 7 educators; and if employers will be compensated in full for the cost of the pay increases, based on assumptions (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [35934/17]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated full year cost of recruiting 500 new social workers and 1,000 new social workers, some of whom are to be aftercare workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35955/17]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is a standard protocol that all persons in the care of the State receive psychological assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36023/17]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 811 of 11 April 2017, if she has received the evaluation report on the youth employability

initiative; if so, when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36058/17]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the problems encountered by many small childcare providers that do not have the resources to deal with the complicated administrative rules for the operation of childcare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [36088/17]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of whole time equivalent staff working in the childcare sector, by qualification level, or working grade. — Kathleen Funchion. [36093/17]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from her department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with her department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36152/17]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount that was spent in 2015 and 2016 and the projected spend for 2017 on subsidies to private operators of childcare. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36367/17]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount it would cost to restore the parental contribution cap for all participants availing of childcare under the TEC schemes. — Bríd Smith. [36410/17]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the allowances paid to foster persons particularly those paid for foster children over 18 years of age that remain in full time care of the foster persons and require as much if not more care than younger children but receive a lower rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36438/17]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider the status of a community centre (details supplied) in County Kildare as a family resource centre in view of the low level of such centres in County Kildare and the work that is carried out at the centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36439/17]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will engage with persons (details supplied) on a matter; if the issue will be dealt with as a matter of urgency; if she will investigate the poor management of this case by Tusla officials and the negative impact the experience has had on the lives of the persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [36440/17]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in her department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on her department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36562/17]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her department will contribute to the funding of a second Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland study as has been recommended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36640/17]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff in her department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36725/17]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there will be an underspend in her department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in her department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36741/17]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of protected disclosures received from staff in her department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36757/17]

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

*1469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of introducing an annual scale and polish under the DTBS, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35185/17]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding available for repairs of private property damaged by flooding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36083/17]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount that would be collected if both current bands of employers' PRSI were increased by 2%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36309/17]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount that would be collected if a new PRSI rate of 19.75% was introduced for employers hiring staff that earn more than €100,000. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36310/17]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated yearly cost of restoring the full telephone allowance under the household benefits package to the 2012 level of €270 per year; her views on whether the telephone allowance was an important measure for vulnerable persons particularly those living alone; her plans to restore the telephone allowance in the forthcoming budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34911/17]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated yearly cost of restoring the bereavement grant of €850; her views on whether the grant was a major benefit to families at a time of grief and at a time of immense financial pressure in view of the cost of funerals; her plans to restore the bereavement grant in the forthcoming budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34912/17]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated yearly cost of restoring the fuel allowance to payment over 32 weeks rather than the current 26 weeks; her views on whether the allowance was of major benefit to low income households; her plans to restore the fuel allowance to 32 weeks per year in the forthcoming budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34913/17]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the job activation supports available to long term unemployed persons that do not qualify for means tested social protection payments, that is, jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [34928/17]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer's allowance claim by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [34929/17]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families in receipt of assistance payments for fuel in their home; her views on the prevalence of fuel poverty in here as outlined by a charity (details supplied); the steps she is taking to work with other agencies and departments to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35044/17]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a decision has not been made in respect of a disability allowance appeal lodged by a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the appeal was lodged on 9 February 2017; the reason for the delay in making a decision on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35057/17]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her department has set the criteria, training programmes or guidelines for staff that deliver the jobpath scheme via private operators; if so, the criteria for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35116/17]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process by which persons are selected to take part in the jobpath scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35117/17]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons over 62 years of age and that are therefore exempt from job activation schemes are being referred to jobpath on a regular basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35118/17]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons that have been unemployed for only a very short period of time are being regularly referred to jobpath despite it being a scheme for long term unemployed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35119/17]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the agreements regarding personal data in place between her department and the private operators of jobpath (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35120/17]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will investigate the delay regarding a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35151/17]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35163/17]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the grounds upon which an appeal for jobseeker's allowance was refused following an oral hearing in the case of a person (details supplied) that submitted extra documentation as required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35164/17]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 452 of 12 July 2017 and the revised projected inflation figure for 2018 included in the summer economic statement published on 12 July 2017, the rates of all weekly payments; the resulting rates if they were to be increased in line with the revised harmonised index of consumer prices for 2018; and the estimated cost of this increase per scheme identifying the full and partial year effect if relevant, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [35199/17]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the analysis that has been carried out on the level of activity in each Intreo office in respect of the number and percentage of persons that they have interviewed in each of the past three years; the actions that have been taken on these interviews; the training and job placement rates respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35211/17]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a clerical error made in respect of a carer's allowance application granted on appeal to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact the carer's allowance applications were made in respect of two persons and payment only issued in respect of one person; if she will ensure that the person receives their full rate of payment in respect of the two persons they are caring for and issue the full arrears owed in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35212/17]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a decision has not been made in respect of a disability allowance appeal lodged by a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the appeal was lodged on 9 February 2017; the reason for the delay in making a decision on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35213/17]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [35219/17]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from her department and agencies under the aegis of her department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps she has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if she has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35233/17]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which families can access the PPS number of a sibling that has been in residential care for that person's lifetime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [35245/17]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons aged 65 and over in receipt of a jobseeker's payment, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35257/17]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on extending the eligibility for the community employment scheme to those that are long term unemployed but not in receipt of jobseeker's allowance; the measures being taken to assist such persons back into employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35272/17]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow children that are in hospital long term and their parents that are staying with them to receive a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35285/17]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review applications for carer's allowance (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [35286/17]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the earnings for carer's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35287/17]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been deemed ineligible for jobseeker's allowance on the grounds that they are not capable for work since January 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35330/17]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan in receipt of carer's allowance, carer's benefit and the respite grant 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. — Niamh Smyth. [35424/17]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting times for carer's allowance applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35425/17]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting times for paternity benefit applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35426/17]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting times for maternity benefit applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35427/17]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting times for jobseeker's applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35453/17]

*1506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in receipt of rent supplement in locations (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [35458/17]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times in respect of applications for the domiciliary carer's allowance payment; the number of all applications which upon receipt have still yet to be determined in respect of applicants waiting for three months, six months, nine months, 12 months, 15 months and greater than 15 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35469/17]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent by her department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35494/17]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a payment by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35521/17]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy change which has led to the new entrants into the jobseeker's allowance scheme to be referred to jobpath for a minimum 52 week period; the reasoning which has been assessed as referring those new persons within two weeks of the commencement of their claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35683/17]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy change that has led to the new entrants into the jobseeker's allowance scheme that are referred on to a jobpath scheme for a minimum 52 week period, in which the letter of invitation and introduction sent out to the person by her department clearly states that the employment advisor will consider training opportunities for that person until when aspirations for training and education are raised the person is advised that they are not permitted to undertake training for the next 52 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35684/17]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the three year initial contract allocated to jobpath is coming up for renewal; the way in which she plans to assess this; the assessment of quality of outcomes for persons which will be undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35685/17]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way she plans to assess the value for money and return on investment in the initial three year jobpath programme; the way that it will be audited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35686/17]

*1514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the recourse to appeal there is for persons that are referred onto a jobpath programme within 20 days of commencing a jobseeker's allowance claim, in which those persons are committed to taking college places, the CAO process has been commenced, applications submitted and accepted and in which those persons are advised by their employment advisor that they are not permitted to undertake upskilling opportunities for more than 52 weeks; her views on whether this is financially beneficial to the jobpath contractors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35687/17]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the quality audits she has undertaken to ensure the expenditure on the jobpath contract is fit for purpose and delivering quality outcomes; if she has examined and reviewed the contract that is signed by a person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35688/17]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number complaints in respect of the service to persons by jobpath she has received; the way these are counted and recorded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35689/17]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason under the Data Protection Act, information from her department was provided to Turas Nua as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35718/17]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person is deemed unavailable for work for the entire month rather than two days and a jobseeker's payment refused completely rather than for two days in a circumstance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [35731/17]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [35735/17]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will issue guidelines that would allow staff members, such as classroom assistants and cleaners, that work in schools, but that claim social welfare over the summer holidays to be able to resume their social welfare claim as soon as the school holidays start rather than putting them in a situation year on year that can force them to go without a payment while their claim is processing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35789/17]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing all basic social protection payments by €5, €7 and €10 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35790/17]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing the living alone allowance by €2, €3 and €5 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35791/17]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing the fuel allowance by €7 and €10 respectively and extending it by a further six weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35792/17]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the net saving of closing jobbridge to new applicants from 1 January 2018. — Pearse Doherty. [35827/17]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the net saving if the gateway scheme were abolished on 1 January 2018. — Pearse Doherty. [35828/17]

*1526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated saving to his department of moving an additional 5,000 long term unemployed into employment via jobsplus in 2018. — Pearse Doherty. [35829/17]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will change the current social welfare payment arrangements applying to residents of direct provision that have secured their leave to remain and that are unable to access permanent accommodation and effectively using direct provision as a form of emergency accommodation; and if they will receive their full social welfare payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35848/17]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the government will resolve the impact the new retirement age of 68 years of age will have on persons and businesses that had not anticipated this (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35909/17]

*1529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an invalidity pension was refused to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35927/17]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35991/17]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to provide for a Christmas bonus in 2017 to long term social welfare recipients; the rate of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36005/17]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have partaken or that are partaking in each job activation scheme or employment support scheme in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36033/17]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money spent on each job activation scheme or employment support scheme in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36034/17]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average length of time a person spent on a job activation scheme or employment support scheme in each of the years 2013 to 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36035/17]

*1535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money spent on indirect job support initiatives such as jobsplus in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36036/17]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget for her department in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36037/17]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expenditure of her department in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36038/17]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget for her department in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36039/17]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expenditure on administration of job activation and employment support schemes in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36040/17]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare expenditure in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, the number of each type of payment and the number of persons in receipt of each payment, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36041/17]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons by age and gender in receipt of each form of social protection payment and or partaking on a job activation or employment support scheme, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [36042/17]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36054/17]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community employment schemes and the overall number of places allocated to community employment by county, in tabular form. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36059/17]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 446 of 12 July 2017 if a person between 21 and 24 years of age currently on the €102.70 or €147.80 rate of jobseeker's allowance will receive the full rate of €215.50 if they commence a community employment placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36060/17]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of beneficiaries and the spending on the family income supplement scheme in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36061/17]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected underspend in the gateway scheme in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36062/17]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the underspend in programmes to support persons that are unemployed such as in gateway will be reinvested in other schemes or measures to reduce unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [36063/17]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the number of persons on community employment, Tús and the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36086/17]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid by her department in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 for free television licences for those in receipt of certain social welfare payments. — Clare Daly. [36133/17]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has engaged in discussions with the Department of Communications, Climate action and Environment regarding free TV licences for those in receipt of certain social welfare payments, with a view to those persons being issued with a certificate of exemption or similar rather than a licence costing €160, such that her department is not paying a licence fee to another department. — Clare Daly. [36134/17]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from her department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with her department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36163/17]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a supplementary welfare allowance can be backdated to the date of an accident in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36257/17]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding Irish persons that live in South Korea, in which there is no reciprocal agreement between it and Ireland, which results in a person being unable to collect contributions upon their departure from their second country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36269/17]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to amend the legislation and regulations for eligibility for the State pension (contributory) (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many persons have been denied full rate of payment due to the present method of

calculation of entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36273/17]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the independent actuarial review of the Social Insurance Fund will commence; the likely timeframe for a public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36274/17]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been denied a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36287/17]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount that was paid out annually in rent allowance in each of the years 2013 to 2016; and the projected amount in 2017 and 2018. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36363/17]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to the transfer of rent allowance recipients to HAP, leasing arrangements and RAS, if the moneys saved have then been transferred to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government; the organisation responsible for the latter payments; if so, the amount in each of the years since the beginning of these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36364/17]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost for measures (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36365/17]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to restore the full Christmas bonus to all social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36396/17]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to extend the homemakers scheme for pensioners to cover those that were full time home makers prior to 1994. — Bríd Smith. [36399/17]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to remove the qualifying time periods and allow immediate access for all qualifying payments for back to education allowance or community employment training. — Bríd Smith. [36400/17]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to restore the income disregard to the OPFP and JST payments to €146.50. — Bríd Smith. [36401/17]

*1564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to increase the qualified child payments on all social welfare to €32.30 as recommended by the Committee for Social Protection. — Bríd Smith. [36402/17]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to increase the qualified child payments for children over 12 years of age to €47. — Bríd Smith. [36403/17]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to increase children's allowance by €47 for children over the age of 12. — Bríd Smith. [36404/17]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to restore children's allowance to all those under 20 years of age that are still in full time education. — Bríd Smith. [36405/17]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to disregard the maintenance payments when assessing social welfare payment. — Bríd Smith. [36406/17]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to means test carers and disability allowances on net income rather than gross income. — Bríd Smith. [36407/17]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to fully restore all cuts to jobseeker's allowance for those under 25 years of age. — Bríd Smith. [36408/17]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount it would cost to pay all elected councillors maternity leave. — Bríd Smith. [36409/17]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the application of social welfare payments for persons that work part time over a seven day period due to the nature of their industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36458/17]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of rent supplement; the number of households eligible for rent supplement; the number of households in receipt of rent supplement that have transitioned onto the HAP scheme in each the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36463/17]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options open to parents of children of 18 years of age plus that are still in secondary school but no longer eligible for children's allowance/ if they are entitled to apply for other allowances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36495/17]

*1575. 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. [36499/17]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36504/17]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36507/17]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36529/17]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an oral hearing for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36537/17]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in her department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on her

department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36573/17]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36582/17]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the cost benefit analysis of the restructuring of MABS and CIS will commence; the expected date for completion and publication of this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36591/17]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing funding to the community service programme in line with the recommendation to increase the national minimum wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36592/17]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase funding to the community service programme in line with the recommendation increase in the national minimum wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36593/17]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her department has considered the impact that the recommendation to increase the national minimum wage will have on income thresholds set to qualify for certain social welfare payments; her plans to increase the income thresholds for social welfare payments in line with the recommendations for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36594/17]

*1586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been issued a public service card in each year since first introduced; the waiting time to issue a public service card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36595/17]

*1587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the new working family payment that her department is planning to introduce; the way in which this payment will differ from family income supplement (FIS); if this payment will replace FIS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36596/17]

*1588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take following the report by her department on lone parents and the impact that changes to the one parent family payment had on lone parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36597/17]

*1589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to further extend benefits available to the self employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36598/17]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her department has started contingency planning in the event that the common travel area and the reciprocal arrangements for social insurance and social assistance are not preserved or are altered in the aftermath of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36599/17]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36635/17]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for invalidity pension by a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [36636/17]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the impact of the 2012 band changes to the calculation of the contributory State pension; if her attention has been drawn to reports of its disproportionate impact on women that took a break from the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36646/17]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the 2017 budget allocation for farm assist; the amount expended to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36693/17]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the 2016 expenditure on the rural social scheme; the 2017 budget allocation for same; the amount expended to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [36694/17]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the exchequer of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36702/17]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the exchequer of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [36703/17]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the approximate reduction in the social insurance yield in a calendar year if the pay related social insurance employers rate of 8.5% was extended for employees earning up to €380, €385, €390, €395 and €400 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36716/17]

*1599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the exchequer of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [36717/17]

*1600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her targets for poverty including child poverty; if these targets are being met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36722/17]

*1601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff in her department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36736/17]

*1602. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be an underspend in her department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in her department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36752/17]

*1603. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of protected disclosures received from staff in her department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36768/17]

*1604. 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. [36502/17]

*1605. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36858/17]

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

*1606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when a decision will issue regarding an application (details supplied) for a foreshore licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [35136/17]

*1607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the financial supports or grants available to assist with the removal of asbestos from residential properties or outbuildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [35204/17]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the rules the EU imposes on motor tax rates; if Ireland is complying with all EU rules regarding motor tax; the reason for the discrepancy between motor tax rates here and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [35270/17]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce postal votes for students that are studying abroad and students that study away from their primary residence to facilitate participation in future elections. — Robert Troy. [35800/17]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce guidelines or regulations with respect to solar farm construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35892/17]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated yield by increasing the vacant site levy to 5%, 7.5% and 10% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35964/17]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for refunding water charges to those that have already paid same; the timeframe for same; the procedures he plans to use for the refunding of same; the way in which previous Irish Water customers that made the respective payments will be identified and repaid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36118/17]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has satisfied himself that the government's 35 year foreshore lease planning application to construct an offshore electricity generating station on Galway Bay embeds and fully implements the findings of the strategic environmental assessment and appropriate assessment processes relating to the State's offshore renewable energy development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36430/17]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when works on a category 2 pyrite house will be carried out in the case of a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [34918/17]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of builders that applied for the planning rebate scheme in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the cost of the scheme in each of these years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34926/17]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will publish details of the vacant homes audit and strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34936/17]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that local authorities operate differing approaches to ensuring that boilers are serviced and maintained correctly; his views on the apparent absence of compliance in this area from some local authorities; if he has discussed this with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; his further views on this and the impact the serious health and safety risks associated with this; his plans for legislation in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35038/17]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will change the income assessment guidelines for housing needs assessments to disregard family income supplement on the grounds that this income support is paid to households that own income falls below levels the government deems acceptable and therefore should not be taken into account when determining a households housing need. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35056/17]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will open the grant scheme to all eligible potential applications on the basis of reports commissioned by qualified engineers in view of the high rate of failures of domestic septic tanks functioning correctly. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [35064/17]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if a landlord can withhold moneys from a deposit in lieu of outstanding water charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35108/17]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the €330 million in capital commitments for the action plan on housing referenced in page 21 of the summer economic statement 2017 is included in the €788 million capital ceiling for housing referenced in page 32 part II expenditure allocation 2017 to 2019 published with budget 2017. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35125/17]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to page 23 of the Irish Water business plan, the amount of the €533 million capital investment plan for 2017 which was government capital expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35133/17]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to page 23 of the Irish Water business plan, the amount of the €595 million capital investment projection for 2018 which is government capital expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35134/17]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the spend on traveller accommodation in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number of accommodation units provided in each year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35152/17]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the details of his departments capital expenditure allocation in 2016 of €534 million and in 2017 of €732

million by project or programme type; the number of housing units delivered (details supplied), in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35153/17]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 290 of 7 February 2017, the steps being taken to locate the environmental assessment reports; if a third party investigation will be carried out in respect of the missing reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35160/17]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if voluntary committees such as those that run local community halls are exempt from water charges; and his plans to introduce measures to ease the burden on such groups. — Brian Stanley. [35167/17]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of a proposed water scheme (details supplied) in County Mayo; the reason for the delay in establishing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [35170/17]

*1629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the procedures followed in the assessment of foreshore lease applications; the progress made to date in the consideration of the application by an institute (details supplied) based on this process; when it is expected that a decision will be made on this application; the minister which will be making a decision in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [35240/17]

*1630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the minister or ministers with responsibility for appropriate assessment in compliance with the appropriate assessment EU directive relating to foreshore lease licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [35241/17]

*1631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if homes which have no previous tenant occupancy can apply for the repair and lease housing scheme administered by local authorities; if a person (details supplied) can have the council decision appealed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35247/17]

*1632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to expand the scheme to include unfinished dwellings in view of the demand for social and affordable housing and the existence of a large number of unfinished dwellings in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35248/17]

*1633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of applications for the repair and release scheme refused on the basis of no previous tenant occupancy for example in the case of a person (details supplied) or on the basis of unfinished dwelling since its introduction, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35249/17]

*1634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons employed over the past three years by the 13 approved housing agencies tier three; the amount of salary paid to these employees over the past three years; the number of new housing units completed over the past three years; the number of housing units procured and refurbished over the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [35250/17]

*1635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 221 of 16 May 2017, the status of the review of the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [35329/17]

*1636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the progress that has been made on the commitment in the programme for government to initiate an affordable housing scheme. — Brian Stanley. [35362/17]

*1637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 1322 of 20 June 2017, if he will provide information on the organisations listed (details supplied) that also received section 10 funding under the Housing Act 1988. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35366/17]

*1638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of planning permissions that are due to expire that can benefit from the proposed planning permission extension; the location and the town planning numbers of these schemes; the number of units that will be impacted; and if these schemes can still be constructed in view of the changes in building regulations in the interim. — Alan Kelly. [35372/17]

*1639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35397/17]

*1640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35487/17]

*1641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the names of advisors he has appointed to his office since becoming Minister; the responsibilities of each; the previous employment of each; and the salaries of each. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35620/17]

*1642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to increase the amount payable for rent and storage to persons under the pyrite remediation scheme in view of the fact that rental prices have increased sharply since the scheme was initiated without a corresponding increase in allowances. — Clare Daly. [35642/17]

*1643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the specific sequence of steps to be followed under appropriate regulations and legislation for the foreshore lease application process; his department's assessment process regarding foreshore lease planning applications; the progress made to date in the consideration of the application by the Marine Institute for the construction of a project (details supplied) on Galway Bay based on this process; when a decision will be made on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35663/17]

*1644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated cost of increasing central funding to the housing adaptation grant schemes by 50% in 2018. — Pearse Doherty. [35714/17]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social and affordable housing commencements for 2017, by all 31 local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35721/17]

*1646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social and affordable housing completions for 2016 and 2017 respectively, by all 31 local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35722/17]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social and affordable housing planning permissions currently lodged for 2017 and 2018 by all 31 local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35723/17]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of building control officers operating throughout the 31 local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35724/17]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of dog wardens operating throughout the 31 local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [35725/17]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when each section of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2017 will commence once the Bill is enacted; the way in which section 28(2) will enable housing schemes to extend planning permission when this particular section will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35743/17]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the national quality standards framework for homeless services has been published by his department; and if not, when it is due for publication. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35746/17]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the statutory powers local authorities have in a situation in which a private homeowner is genuinely concerned that trees growing on a neighbour's property are dangerous; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [35750/17]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to prepare official guidelines to regulate solar energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [35779/17]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason the midlands homeless region covering the four counties of Longford, Westmeath Laois and Offaly only received 0.84% of the national homeless budget 2016; and his plans to review this to ensure parity based on population and on submissions made by the local authorities, in view of the fact they are severely underfunded for same. — Robert Troy. [35799/17]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the location by municipal district, town or village of identified vacant properties in County Kerry, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [35832/17]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will issue a circular to all local authorities in which there are direct provision centres recommending that the local authority provide homeless HAP payments to residents of direct provision that have secured their leave to remain but due to the housing crisis have been unable to source permanent

accommodation and are effectively using direct provision as a form of emergency accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35846/17]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the contract between a company (details supplied) and Irish Water in the context of the work the company has been doing for the past two years to date; if the two year optional extension of the contract will be implemented by Irish Water in view of the fact that the initial contract expires on 22 July 2018; if the company will be the body responsible for handling the refund of water charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35851/17]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has issued direction or guidelines to local authorities with respect to the vacant properties held by banks (details supplied) offered for sale to the government. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35877/17]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of vacant homes held by banks (details supplied) that have been offered for sale to the government since December 2016; and the details of these properties by local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35878/17]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current cost of and estimated cost to double inspections of dog breeding establishments; if he will investigate animal cruelty allegations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35959/17]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated cost to provide a home to every person on local authority homeless lists, that is, excluding use of the private rental market in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35960/17]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated cost to provide a home to every person that has been on a local authority social housing waiting lists for over four years, that is, excluding use of the private rental market in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35961/17]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated annual cost to build 20,000 new social and affordable homes per year each year for five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [35962/17]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the details of figures on the amount spent on HAP each month in County Donegal in 2016 to June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36085/17]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to send a circular to each local authority to outline the relevant national policies in relation to the promotion of breast feeding and to encourage each local authority to support breast feeding mothers in performing their representative duties. — Róisín Shortall. [36106/17]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the arrangements that exist for families which do not qualify for local authority housing due to exceeding income levels as per his department's circular on same but also do not qualify for reasonable

mortgage approval due to low income levels for the purposes of purchasing a home of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36117/17]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for the Commercial Rates Bill; his strategy for assisting and helping struggling businesses in rural locations which to date find commercial rates an onerous burden on their businesses; the way in which he proposes to deal with the regional imbalances in commercial activities between the more thriving east coast and the slower and lesser recovering west coast; the way in which the proposed Commercial Rates Bill will deal with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [36119/17]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce a grant scheme in budget 2018 for repair of water and sewage systems on private residential property where the property is of a significant age and persons are unable to meet the costs due to low income (details supplied) and for persons on the State pension, low occupational pensions or other social welfare payments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36140/17]

*1669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36156/17]

*1670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he advised President Donald Trump to apply for a sea wall for a golf course under the Strategic Infrastructure Act, an application that was subsequently refused by An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36180/17]

*1671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he provided planning advice to President Donald Trump at a meeting; and is so, the nature of same. — Clare Daly. [36196/17]

*1672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views regarding the ongoing failure of Offaly county council to take enforcement action against a farm constructed without planning permission (details supplied) and which currently operates as a puppy farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [36240/17]

*1673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if private well owners will be reimbursed for the cost of maintaining wells when no public water service exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36271/17]

*1674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the annual spend for 2015 and 2016 and the projected spend for 2017 and 2018 on leasing, HAP and RAS agreements between local authorities and landlords broken down by authority and by type of agreement; and the number of these arrangements are direct transfers from rent allowance arrangements. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36345/17]

*1675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of leasing, RAS and HAP agreements that are being supported by his department in 2015, 2016

and projected for 2017 broken down by local authority and type of arrangement. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36346/17]

*1676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the full cost of emergency accommodation in 2015, 2016 and projected for 2017 broken down by local authority and type of emergency accommodation that is, hotels, bed and breakfasts, hostels and family hubs. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36347/17]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of vacant properties here; the number suitable for social housing; the number that have been considered for acquisition by local authorities broken down by authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36348/17]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the publicly owned land zoned for housing here, broken down by local authority; if these lands are serviced, partially serviced or unserviced; the number of homes that could be built on this land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36349/17]

*1679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of housing applicants on local authority lists here after the assessment of needs of earlier in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36350/17]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the average cost of building council housing on publicly owned land that is fully serviced. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36351/17]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount it would cost to restore funding to the community development programme to 2008 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [36392/17]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount it would cost to fully restore all cuts to the traveller accommodation budget. — Bríd Smith. [36412/17]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of land in the ownership of the local authorities that was sold or disposed of in 2016. — Bríd Smith. [36413/17]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of all local authority land sales or land disposals yielded to the State in 2016. — Bríd Smith. [36414/17]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has requested an independent valuation of each of the sites in the State's ownership which he has identified as being suitable for mixed tenure developments on State lands and other lands in the government's action plan for housing and homelessness Rebuilding Ireland. — Bríd Smith. [36415/17]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has requested an independent valuation of each of the 700 sites described on page 50 on the

government's action plan for housing and homelessness Rebuilding Ireland (details supplied). — Brid Smith. [36416/17]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the sources of funding, including contributions in kind, for all aspects of the proposed venture relating to the foreshore lease planning application to construct an offshore electricity generating station on Galway bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36429/17]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the review of the tenant purchase scheme is now completed; if so, if he will publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [36442/17]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of local authorities that tendered for the procurement of dog control or dog pound services; the number of local authorities that roll over such contracts and the commencement year in each case; if his department has issued instructions on such procurement; if the local authorities are compliant with national or EU law in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [36443/17]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way in which he is addressing the anomaly which sees city councillors receive a lower remuneration than that of their county council counterparts for effectively doing the same job; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [36461/17]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 7 of 13 July 2017, the number of persons in receipt of HAP that have availed of the DHRE offer to access two months rent in advance payments and a month's deposit in respect of supports to secure a tenancy, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36467/17]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the person or organisation that has statutory responsibility for decisions taken by the Marine Licence Vetting Committee (MLVC) in relation to the MLVC's assessment of foreshore lease licence planning applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36468/17]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the person or organisation that appoints persons to the Marine Licence Vetting Committee (MLVC); the process of MLVC member selection, specifically, the person or organisation that appointed the nine members to the original MLVC to assess a planning application (details supplied); the person or organisation that appointed the seven members of the MLVC assessing the foreshore planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36469/17]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if all foreshore lease licence planning applications are assessed by the same Marine Licence Vetting Committee (MLVC) or if the MLVC members change for each foreshore lease licence application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36470/17]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the specific categories of application relating to foreshore lease and foreshore licence planning applications; the steps involved in the application process for each specific category; the composition of the MLVC

necessary for each specific category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36471/17]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the way a Marine Licence Vetting Committee functions in his department in view of the fact the assessment instrument to advise him on the issue of foreshore lease licence planning application consents, which is based on various legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36472/17]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the terms of reference for the fire safety review that he ordered after the devastating fire at Grenfell tower; if he will widen the remit of this review to include compliance with Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36489/17]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the action he will take to address the serious problem of structural fire safety defects in a number of timber frame estates here; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of fires in timber frame estates have spread rapidly posing a serious risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36490/17]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will ensure that a structural fire safety audit of social housing stock is carried out to ensure compliance with Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36491/17]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will review the role of the National Standards Authority of Ireland in regulating the Irish Agreement Boards approval of timber frame constructions systems which have not been adhered to in a number of developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36492/17]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will implement section 4.8.2 of the Timber Frame Housing Construction Report published in December 2003 by his department which calls for a more advanced certification approval system for timber frame housing above two storeys in height. — Róisín Shortall. [36493/17]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if an environmental impact assessment was required by his department in the granting of the foreshore licence to a company (details supplied) for kelp harvesting in Bantry Bay; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36525/17]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason his department stipulates that gross income be used to assess if persons can become local authority applicants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36527/17]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the monitoring programme attached to the foreshore licence granted to a company (details supplied) to harvest kelp in Bantry Bay will be carried out by the company; the reason he deems it appropriate for the monitoring to be carried out by a private for profit company and not by an independent body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36528/17]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the procedure for the granting of the foreshore licence to a company (details supplied) for kelp harvesting in Bantry Bay; if all statutory bodies, stakeholders and interested parties were informed of the application; the type of public consultation that was undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36541/17]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of second hand houses bought by each local authority in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36543/17]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons accommodated in hotels and bed and breakfasts by each local authority in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36544/17]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of children accommodated by each local authority in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36545/17]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons on the housing list in each local authority in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36546/17]

*1710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the plans for the regeneration of Saint Patrick's Park, Rathangan, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36547/17]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to audit all vacant commercial properties, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36552/17]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36566/17]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to carry out a formal detailed review of the pyrite remediation scheme; his further plans to amend the scheme 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. [36583/17]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the detail of the members of the marine licence vetting committee (MLVC); the process used by the MLVC for the assessment of foreshore applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36589/17]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for homes that are affected by pyrite but that have been left out of the remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [36604/17]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the annual yield for motor tax projected for 2018; the yield for the past five years; the way these moneys were allocated; his plans for allocation of these funds for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36657/17]

*1717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will investigate the case of the eviction of all tenants from a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36660/17]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36729/17]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36745/17]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36761/17]

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

*1721. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has delegated all the responsibilities of the Minister for Defence to the Minister of State for Defence. — Lisa Chambers. [35254/17]

*1722. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the functions and responsibilities he has delegated under section 2 of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1977 to the Minister of State for Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [35902/17]

*1723. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the meetings he has had with the secretary general and other senior officials in his department as Minister for Defence. — Lisa Chambers. [35903/17]

*1724. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of meetings he has attended of the management advisory committee as Minister for Defence. — Lisa Chambers. [35904/17]

*1725. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will he issue 1916 commemoration medals to all retired members of the Defence Forces who served in United Nations peace keeping missions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35060/17]

*1726. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of malarone tablets purchased by the Defence Forces in each of the years 2006 to 2013; and the number of malarone tablets in stock at year end in each of those years. — Clare Daly. [35110/17]

*1727. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of doxycycline tablets purchased by the Defence Forces in each of the years 2006 to 2013; and the number of doxycycline tablets in stock at year end in each of those years. — Clare Daly. [35122/17]

*1728. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if all security and contract cleaning companies that have obtained contracts from his department and agencies under the aegis of his department under public procurement rules are paying the legal Employment Regulation Order (ERO) hourly rate to their security and contract cleaning employees; the steps he has taken to confirm full compliance with the ERO system; if he has cancelled contracts with companies that have been found to be in breach of the ERO system since 1 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [35224/17]

*1729. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will report on the non payment of Naval Service recruits; the number of persons impacted; the reason for the non payment; the length of time the recruits went without payment; and the steps he has taken to ensure no repeat in the future. — Lisa Chambers. [35252/17]

*1730. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to deal with the conciliation and arbitration issues raised by PDFORRA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35361/17]

*1731. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent by his department on taxi and or limousine fares in the past two years to date by year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35485/17]

*1732. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on 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; the actions he will take on foot of this finding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35499/17]

*1733. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the lack of morale within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35500/17]

*1734. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on specialists leaving the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35501/17]

*1735. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on shortages within the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35502/17]

*1736. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the reports that there are approximately 60 members of the Defence Forces departing each month; his further views on the attrition rate in the Defence forces; if he is taking action to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35503/17]

*1737. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the lack of success in addressing the reduced numbers in the Defence Forces even after his own department's recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35504/17]

*1738. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the fact that some members of the Defence Forces have to apply for family income supplement in view of the fact their salary

is too low; if this issue will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35505/17]

*1739. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the fact that some members of the Defence Forces have to get a second job to supplement their income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35506/17]

*1740. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on the finding in the latest Defence Forces climate survey that officers and NCOs at all levels raised the issue of privates' pay; the steps he will take on foot of this finding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35507/17]

*1741. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35508/17]

*1742. 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; the steps he will take to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35509/17]

*1743. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has been asked to consider awarding a posthumous medal to a person (details supplied) who served as an old IRA volunteer; if this request is being appealed; when the family can expect a reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35691/17]

*1744. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he or officials in his department or in the Defence Forces have considered a new scheme in view of the fact the anniversary of the War of Independence approaches, in which families are allowed to apply for posthumous medals particularly when they have sought and received documentary evidence from the Bureau of Military History or other agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [35692/17]

*1745. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the actions being taken to prevent illegal dumping on the Curragh plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36019/17]

*1746. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when the operation of clearing the Curragh plains of nettles and thistles will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36020/17]

*1747. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the consequences or lessons learned by his department on the recent high court award to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36021/17]

*1748. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of sick days taken by persons in each arm of the Defence Forces in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017. — Lisa Chambers. [36132/17]

*1749. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the actions the curragh forum have taken to deal with illegal dumping on the Curragh plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36141/17]

*1750. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the actions that have been taken by the Curragh forum to deal with illegal camping on the Curragh plains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [36142/17]

*1751. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of each body or organisation that is scheduled to receive in excess of €1 million from his department's vote of expenditure or the group of votes of expenditure connected with his department in 2017 for the provision of services by the body or the organisation concerned; the amount involved in each case; if there is a signed service level agreement in place in respect of the services to be carried out by these bodies or organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [36154/17]

*1752. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the action his department can take and has taken in 2017 to deal with incidents of illegal dumping and illegal camping on the Curragh plains which is causing concerns for local persons and users of the plains; his views on whether these actions are sufficient to deal with the incidents; his further views on whether additional resources or powers are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [36506/17]

*1753. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the latest profiles in value and outruns forecasted in his department for the end of December 2017 and any variances that may arise based on his department's performance against profile in gross voted expenditure at the end of June 2017. — Dara Calleary. [36564/17]

*1754. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of staff in his department that are suspended from work on full pay; the reason in each case; the length of time in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36727/17]

*1755. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if there will be an underspend in his department's current or capital budget for 2017; if so, the subheads that are now below profile and those that may come in below profile at the end of the calendar year; if underspends in his department will be available to the central exchequer at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36743/17]

*1756. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of protected disclosures received from staff in his department in 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [36759/17]

*1757. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of actuaries working in the civil service under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36852/17]