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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action. — Joan Burton. [32150/17]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Housing. — Joan Burton. [32151/17]
3. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure and Housing. — Brendan Howlin. [32693/17]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee D (Infrastructure) will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39619/17]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if all of the new Cabinet Committees have met; and if Cabinet Committee D (Infrastructure) was one of these. — Gerry Adams. [39623/17]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Public Service Reform. — Joan Burton. [32097/17]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will be retained when Cabinet committees are re-established. — Gerry Adams. [32321/17]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the all-island civic dialogue. — Gerry Adams. [32896/17]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the delegation orders he has made in his own department. — Michael Moynihan. [32475/17]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met the religious orders recently. — Michael Moynihan. [32476/17]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Roman Catholic Church leaders on 31 August 2017. — Paul Murphy. [39675/17]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the Indian Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [32694/17]
13. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the north inner city ministerial task force; and if he will continue to chair this body. — Gerry Adams. [32894/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee E (Health) will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39620/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee E (Health) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [39628/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with President al-Sisi at the end of August 2017 in relation to the continued imprisonment of a person (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39621/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with President al-Sisi with regard to the continued imprisonment of a person (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [39632/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the strategic communications unit in his department will be established; the number of staff that will be assigned to the unit; and the cost associated with its establishment. — Gerry Adams. [39624/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of a strategic communications unit in his department. — Brendan Howlin. [39626/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the new strategic communications unit in his department. — Micheál Martin. [39659/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Philip Hammond on 31 August 2017. — Gerry Adams. [39625/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest conversations and or meetings with Prime Minister May and the topics they discussed, in particular regarding the border between the State and the Northern Ireland. — Micheál Martin. [39657/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach the talks he has had with the British Prime Minister in relation to Brexit over the course of the summer recess. — Eamon Ryan. [39688/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Brendan Howlin. [39627/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report his commitment to double the number of staff in government agencies globally by 2025. — Micheál Martin. [39662/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Canada and his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister in August 2017. — Paul Murphy. [39677/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach the outcome of his visit to Canada. — Eamon Ryan. [39689/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach the advisors he has employed; and the role of each. — Eamon Ryan. [39690/17]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the rearranging of Cabinet Committees. — Paul Murphy. [39676/17]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

30. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the CE scheme known as pathways to employment at Southhill, Limerick has been threatened with closure due to the failure of its insurance company to renew its insurance; her plans to rectify this issue; the implications for CE schemes nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39692/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the numerous ongoing issues facing persons seeking employment engaged with jobpath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39597/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the scope of the public services card; the measures currently in place to ensure data protection and confidentiality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39693/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to amend the remit of the Low Pay Commission to provide for the achievement of a living wage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39691/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the efforts she has made to halt the restructuring of MABS and CIS until such a time as the concerns of the many staff and volunteers have been comprehensively addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39439/17]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

35. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will change the way in which jobseeker's benefit of those on casual and part time work or temporary reduced hours is calculated by making it not based on days worked but on income in order that no person is living below the poverty line; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39683/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review employment legislation that has been transferred to her remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39643/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider in budget 2018 extending the homemakers scheme to ensure that women that took time off work to raise their families will not be at a loss; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39629/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether in cases in which one parent is in receipt of carer's allowance for a child and then passes away, the system should allow for an automatic or at least smoother transfer to the surviving parent rather

than requiring a new application, which brings additional stresses in addition to financial difficulties at an already very difficult time for the bereaved family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39444/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will disregard means testing of family income supplement with rent assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39685/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she monitors the number of applications for disability allowance, invalidity pension, carer's allowance or other similar payments with a view to ensuring the elimination of hardship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39648/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to end reduced jobseeker's payments for those between 18 and 25 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39586/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to tackle bogus self employment; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the amount collected under the national training fund levy on employers is nearly 9% below profile; if this is also impacting on employer PRSI returns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39646/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the requirement for the public services card; her views on whether other government departments and agencies should be able to insist on using this card for identification purposes; her further views on whether the public services card is effectively becoming a national identity card; her views on whether if the government wants a national identity card, it should not introduce such a system through primary legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39140/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reform the pension system here; her further plans to address the anomaly in the calculation of the contributory pension whereby those that took time out of the workforce for caring duties are being denied a full State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39442/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the working family payment that the government is committed to introducing as outlined in the programme for partnership government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39443/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider in budget 2018 restoring both reduced rates of jobseeker's payments for those under 25 years of age in order that they are equal to those over 25 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39630/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on a submission (details supplied) from the MABS national management forum; her plans to deal with this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [39656/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to tackle child poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39587/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have been referred to jobpath since its inception; the number of persons that have received a sanction on their welfare payments due to non-engagement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39649/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the specific legal basis for withholding or denying social welfare payments, including pensions and child benefit, in cases in which a person entitled to such payments fails to register for a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [39595/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her department has investigated the development of social enterprise projects to create employment opportunities for persons from vulnerable groups (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [39550/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the jobpath programme in view of the ongoing decline in the live register and the level of unemployment declining rapidly below official projections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39645/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review the jobpath scheme in view of the numbers that have been sanctioned through the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [39687/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the social protection payments that require the production of a public services card; the legislation that enables this requirement; the number of payments which have ceased due to non production of the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39448/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in County Wexford that do not receive a full contributory pension payment due to 2012 band changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39651/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which she plans to address the unemployment blackspots in County Limerick as outlined by the recent CSO census data (details supplied). — Maurice Quinlivan. [30622/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions being taken by her department to tackle long waiting times for the processing of domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39583/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to address anomalies in the State pension which are leading to reduced State pension payments for those without the necessary PRSI contributions, namely the averaging calculation in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39584/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeframe for publishing an action plan on pension reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39644/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has satisfied herself that the introduction of the public services card will adhere to the highest standard of data protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39618/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons applying for social welfare payments including those applying for the State pension are required to first apply for a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39585/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will disregard means testing of maintenance payments with rent allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39684/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a cost benefit analysis was carried out by her department regarding the public services card; if so, the date on which this will be published; the amount her department has saved by preventing social welfare fraud through the rollout of the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [39596/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which her attention has been drawn to of the serious dependency on rent support from her department for persons on lower incomes from employment or social welfare, with particular reference to the need to ensure that the issues of homelessness are not exacerbated by reference to use of legislation or guidelines more applicable to a time when housing was not an issue; if she will pay particular attention to reduction or cessation of rent support which may have resulted in homelessness in the course of the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39647/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of introducing a weekly €20 cost of disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39427/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on making the public services card compulsory for availing of public services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [39686/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will allow persons seeking employment that have been awarded a place on a community scheme or Tús but not yet started, and that are pulled for jobpath before training starts, to be allowed to choose between the community employment scheme or Tús; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39681/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will extend the homemakers scheme of contributory pensioners pre 1994 by reversing budget 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39682/17]

69. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she will take to meet targets on reducing child poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39642/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether persons seeking employment wishing to upskill by completing a postgraduate degree are treated fairly by her department. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39617/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the concerns that have been raised regrading the impact that jobpath is having on community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [39441/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on whether Ireland will reach the child specific poverty target that is set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures - the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [39440/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on making the public services card compulsory for availing of public services; her further views on maintaining the option to use other forms of identification such as driver’s licences and passports which are at a safe 2 level to prove identity for accessing services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39650/17]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone conversation with President al-Sisi of Egypt regarding a person (details supplied). — Brendan Howlin. [39631/17]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach the number and title of Cabinet Committees; if they will meet regularly; and if he will chair each one. — Micheál Martin. [39665/17]

*76. To ask the Taoiseach the number of political staff employed in his department, including parliamentary assistants, secretarial assistants, special advisors, drivers and other relevant positions; the number of civil or public service staff seconded to work within his department or constituency offices; the salaries and job titles of each such person; and the duty or role of each, in each of the years 2015 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Brendan Howlin. [36965/17]

*77. To ask the Taoiseach the annual percentage of public service staff that were women under the remit of his department in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39025/17]

*78. To ask the Taoiseach the annual percentage of non commercial State sponsored bodies staff under the remit of his department that were women in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39026/17]

*79. To ask the Taoiseach the number of women and men respectively employed in his department, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39027/17]

*80. To ask the Taoiseach the number of men and women respectively in his department that hold posts (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [39028/17]

*81. To ask the Taoiseach the cost his department incurred in each of the past five years due to debit and credit card payment services and banking fees; and the financial institutions to which the payments were made. — Pearse Doherty. [39029/17]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Philip Hammond on 31 August 2017. — Micheál Martin. [39030/17]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trade mission to Canada; if he will further report on his meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39031/17]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his trip to County Donegal; and if a member of GIS or the strategic communications unit travelled with him. — Micheál Martin. [39032/17]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic communications unit in his department; and the way in which it will relate to each government department. — Micheál Martin. [39034/17]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons employed as policy, special and communications advisors that are not civil servants. — Micheál Martin. [39035/17]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach the reporting relationship within the strategic communications unit; and the way in which it relates on a daily basis to the GIS. — Micheál Martin. [39036/17]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit can be cost neutral; and if this will change. — Micheál Martin. [39037/17]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach if the government press secretary is part of the strategic communications unit; and the reporting relationship in this unit. — Micheál Martin. [39038/17]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach if he will differentiate the role of the government press secretary and that of the new strategic communications unit. — Micheál Martin. [39039/17]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he has taken to ensure that the strategic communications unit in his department is not or does not become party political. — Micheál Martin. [39040/17]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will complement existing arrangements within his department yet work independently from the GIS. — Micheál Martin. [39041/17]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the audit of the public relations and communications work across government departments and the agencies under their remit; the person that will receive the final report; the person or group that is undertaking the report; the cost of the report; and the person or group that will be responsible for implementing the recommendations therein. — Micheál Martin. [39042/17]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the strategic communications unit is being established on a permanent basis within his department; the reason the positions therein were not advertised to allow for open competition; if the staff employed within the unit will be civil servants; the type of contracts they will have; and the salaries of each. — Micheál Martin. [39043/17]

*95. To ask the Taoiseach the person responsible for his weekly messages on social media; and if these are arranged by party staff rather than those employed in his department. — Micheál Martin. [39044/17]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach the number of vacancies in the GIS; if the recruitment process has been commenced to fill the positions; and the salary scales they will have. — Micheál Martin. [39045/17]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach if the strategic communications unit will be concentrating on social media activity or if it will be involved in all aspects of communication; and the way in which duplication with GIS will be avoided. — Micheál Martin. [39046/17]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach the estimated costs for the works to be undertaken as part of the Dublin north inner city project. — John Lahart. [39047/17]

*99. To ask the Taoiseach if he or bodies and agencies under the remit of his department plan to make services or payments dependant on the mandatory use and production of the public services card; and if so, the services and payments which will now be dependant on the mandatory use of the public services card. — John Curran. [39059/17]

*100. To ask the Taoiseach the expenditure savings that are earmarked for his department for 2018 that are not accounted for in the mid year expenditure report or are not included in the fiscal space calculations for 2018. — Róisín Shortall. [39060/17]

*101. To ask the Taoiseach further to the establishment of the new strategic communications unit, the number of staff hired to date in 2017; the number of staff he plans to hire in the future; the salaries of the staff hired to date in 2017; if persons in the unit have been transferred from elsewhere in the civil service or recruited externally; the cost to date in 2017 of establishing the unit; and the function of the unit. — Michael McGrath. [39062/17]

*102. To ask the Taoiseach the likely publication date of Irish Life Tables 17 by the Central Statistics Office. — Joan Burton. [39063/17]

*103. To ask the Taoiseach if the public servants working in the strategic communications unit have been or are being replaced in their substantive original posts; the amount this will cost; the number working in the unit; the number envisaged to be employed in the unit in totality; and the costs of same. — Niall Collins. [39064/17]

*104. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the reorganisation of his department and its role in the State's response to Brexit. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39065/17]

*105. To ask the Taoiseach the number of vacancies in his department for Brexit related roles; and the expected date for these rolls to be filled. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39074/17]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach if there is a senior official with designated responsibility for Brexit matters in his department; if so, the grade of the designated official; the funding allocated to the Brexit unit; the cost to date; and the anticipated cost. — Joan Burton. [39079/17]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff deployed full time in his department in respect of Brexit; and if there is a designated section or unit to deal with Brexit. — Joan Burton. [39080/17]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach the level of construction inflation that has been experienced by his department in the 18 months to September 2017 in respect of construction projects; the way in which he monitors construction inflation; and the mechanisms his department employs to establish this. — Joan Burton. [39081/17]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Brexit committee within his department has met since 14 June 2017; and the dates of those meetings. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39082/17]

*110. To ask the Taoiseach the annual exchequer funding provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions in each of the past ten years and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [38446/17]

*111. To ask the Taoiseach the cost of the Commission of Investigation into Irish Bank Resolution Corporation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38527/17]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach if the fact that the government would not be bringing forward proposals on a border on the island of Ireland was mentioned when he met Prime Minister May in June 2017 or when he spoke to her in subsequent phone calls. — Micheál Martin. [39091/17]

*113. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since Sinn Féin rejected the proposal for a pathway for talks to enable Stormont to be reconvened within a certain timeframe. — Micheál Martin. [39092/17]

*114. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Northern Ireland recently; and the meetings he attended. — Micheál Martin. [39093/17]

*115. To ask the Taoiseach if he commenced formal meetings with the church leaders under the structured dialogue process. — Micheál Martin. [39095/17]

*116. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the status of the IBRC Inquiry. — Micheál Martin. [39097/17]

*117. To ask the Taoiseach if he has made changes to sections of his department since assuming office. — Micheál Martin. [39098/17]

*118. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committees and the areas they will cover. — Micheál Martin. [39099/17]

*119. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone conversation with President Al Sisi of Egypt in August 2017. — Micheál Martin. [39105/17]

*120. To ask the Taoiseach further to his announcement in Toronto regarding doubling Ireland's global footprint by 2025, the way in which this will be achieved; and if finances will be made available for same. — Micheál Martin. [39106/17]

*121. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the quarter 2 2017 figures for the Quarterly National Household Survey has been rescheduled. — Niall Collins. [38309/17]

*122. To ask the Taoiseach the expenditure in 2016 and in 2017 on the Moriarty Tribunal; and if he will report on the areas of expenditure and the amount, for example of legal fees and so on. — Thomas P. Broughan. [37521/17]

*123. To ask the Taoiseach the average enterprise start-up rate in each EU country as measured by new companies started as a percentage of total companies in a given year; and if he will provide the EU 28 average rate, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [38300/17]

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

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a Brexit regional adjustment fund to provide the regions with new trade routes and to upgrade existing ones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39054/17]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if an application for a work permit can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39636/17]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the ownership status of an IDA site (details supplied) in County Galway; the lease agreement on the site; if a lease agreement is in place; the IDA's plans to develop another site in the town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39083/17]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her department conducted an analysis on the TRL status of research projects funding by agencies under the aegis of her department. — James Lawless. [39159/17]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has carried out an analysis of the impact of SME research supports developed in institutes of technology with aid from Enterprise Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39173/17]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of reports that have been made to the Health and Safety Authority since the beginning of 2017 regarding unsafe climbing and operation of construction site cranes by unqualified and under qualified personnel or unsafe use of construction cranes; the number of inspections by HSA personnel that followed; and the findings in each instance. — Mick Barry. [39175/17]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of whole-time equivalents qualified to conduct workplace inspections that are employed by the Health and Safety Authority; and the number employed in 2008. — Mick Barry. [39176/17]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of SMEs that have undertaken applied research in conjunction with a funded agency or institution under the aegis of her department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39178/17]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has conducted an analysis concerning the objectives under the Science Foundation Ireland strategic partnership programme; the level of funding provided on both basic and applied research by her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39188/17]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to the recently released live register reduction figures, the additional efforts she will make to ensure that

the action plan for jobs is working effectively in County Sligo in view of the fact it is in every other county; if special consideration can be given to County Sligo to assist it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39198/17]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of doctoral students and post doctoral researchers funded by the agencies under her aegis in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39202/17]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the State agencies which are involved in research funding; the annual budget for research funding for each; the criteria applied to applications under each agency and to different streams within each agency in which they exist, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39302/17]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the investigations undertaken and disciplinary measures imposed by the HAS against construction companies in which those companies have been reported to be in breach of CSCS regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39393/17]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Labour Court recommendation not to include travel time in the upcoming construction SEO amounts to a 11% pay cut for persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39394/17]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of work permits issued to Israeli citizens in each of years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Clare Daly. [39543/17]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if EU regulations or national legislation is in place which obliges electrical retailers to stock spare parts for products they are selling; the timeframe for setting out the length of time they must stock the parts after the product is no longer being sold or goes out of production; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39600/17]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if an application for a work permit can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39635/17]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to give legal effect to the proposed sectoral employment order for the construction sector; if the legal obligation to comply with the order in terms of rates of pay and so on only relates to the employer concerned; if there will be an obligation on the end user of the employee's services in which for example an agency is the employer but a building contractor is the end user of the employee's services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39674/17]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the sectoral employment order for the construction sector will be brought before Dáil Éireann and implemented for all construction workers. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39814/17]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of be prepared grants granted to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39870/17]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the development of a Brexit working capital guarantee scheme. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39871/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which his department is coordinating or overseeing Ireland's response to possible or pending changes to the US trade and tax policy as outlined in the National Risk Assessment Report. — Micheál Martin. [39101/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a single person's childcarer credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39145/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has informed European Commission President Juncker that he will oppose the proposal to drop the unanimity requirement in relation to the proposed common consolidated corporate tax base; and if he will indicate to him that taxation matters should remain under the competence of each member state. — Brendan Smith. [39859/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposal by the Congress of Trade Unions that the proceeds from the sale of shares in a bank (details supplied) should go towards solving the State's housing and homeless emergency by diverting these funds into a new social housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39048/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of moneys used to recapitalise Irish banks specifically for the purpose of dealing with owner occupier and buy to let mortgage debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39107/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the studies his department has undertaken in respect of the changes in residential property values and the re-examination of property taxation in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39158/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to help persons that are experiencing high motor insurance premiums; his views on whether these measures are seeing positive results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39180/17]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to establishing special savings schemes in State financial institutions and credit unions whereby older persons would be encouraged to invest in funds which might be used exclusively for affordable mortgages for younger persons as suggested by many senior persons. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39182/17]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance if public sector pension contributions are included in the calculation of item three in table three of the tax expenditure review headed employees contribution to approved superannuation schemes; if item two in table three entitled exemption of employers contributions from employee BIK encompasses the exemption from employee benefit in kind from pension accruals granted by the public employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [39262/17]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement measures to protect local manufacturers in view of the adverse effects of Brexit on the economy (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [39269/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of resolving the outstanding claims associated with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39279/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue that would be raised if a cap was introduced for companies to allow for a maximum write off of depreciation against income of percentages (details supplied) per annum regarding capital allowances on intellectual property. — Pearse Doherty. [39306/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue that would be raised if the 2014 rules of taxation for capital allowance of intellectual property was reinstated with regard to capital allowances on intellectual property. — Pearse Doherty. [39307/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on recent EU tax proposals backed by France, Germany, Spain and Italy which would see big multinationals taxed on turnover as opposed to the current system which taxes them on profits, particularly in view of Ireland's economic reliance on US multinationals with their European headquarters here. — Pearse Doherty. [39308/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure for membership involvement in credit union mergers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39323/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance if members voted on the merger of two credit unions (details supplied); the way this vote took place; the way this vote was advertised to members of a credit union; and the way members of a credit union were informed of this merger. — Pearse Doherty. [39324/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance if members voted on the merger of two credit unions (details supplied); the way this took place; the way this vote was advertised to members of a credit union; and the way members of a credit union were informed of this merger. — Pearse Doherty. [39325/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether a margin of compliance (details supplied) is appropriate; and his plans to alter this margin of compliance in advance of budget day. — Pearse Doherty. [39330/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether overadhering to the fiscal rules for 2018 would be counterproductive in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39331/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties which are currently liable for the property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39332/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of transactions that have been reported to the Revenue Commissioners by obliged promoters since the introduction of the Mandatory Disclosure of Certain Transactions Regulation 2011; and the type of entities from which the reports were received, the form of transaction reported and the criteria under which the reporting was triggered per annum. — Pearse Doherty. [39337/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of local property tax (LPT) which is deferred on the basis of inability to pay by local authority; the total income from interest in 2015, 2016 and 2017 that arises from deferred LPT; the rate of interest applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39368/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the affordability criteria that is considered by banks for a person buying their second home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39399/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that on receipt of a lump sum at retirement exceeded their tax free lump sum threshold of €200,000 in each of the years 2014 to 2016 in tabular form; the number of persons that were taxed at 20% reduced income tax and no USC on the portion of their lump sum between €200,001 and €500,000; and the number of persons that were subject to full taxation on their sum on the amount in excess of €500,000. — Pearse Doherty. [39454/17]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the USC for all income earners earning under €100,000 in 2018 while maintaining it as it is for all income over €100,000 (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [39461/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason special needs assistants are not entitled to claim flat rate expenses; his plans to extend flat rate expenses to cover persons such as special needs assistants in budget 2018 in view of the fact that flat rate expenses are available as a tax write off for a number of professions including teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39466/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax in dispute by band; and the number of cases in each band, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39468/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the length of time that persons have been waiting for a hearing since they lodged their appeal, by year, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39469/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of months that persons have been waiting to receive a determination after their appeal has been heard, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39470/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if a cap was introduced for companies to allow for a maximum write off of annual depreciation of intangible assets of percentages (details supplied) of annual income. — Pearse Doherty. [39521/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 133 of 11 September 2017, if he will provide copies of all minutes of meetings between his department and the special liquidators in relation to the costs of the liquidation of IBRC since 7 February 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39534/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 133 of 11 September 2017, the queries in relation to costs that were raised by him with the special liquidators; the way in which these were addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39535/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 134 of 11 September 2017, the basis on which the rebate of €5 million was provided by the special liquidators in respect of their costs; if this or other rebates were requested by him; the way in which the sum of €5 million was calculated; if it related to overcharging or failure to deliver the services that were the subject of the original charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39536/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 134 of 11 September 2017, the way in which a statement (details supplied) is correct; if he will request the special liquidators to provide the information requested in view of the fact that further to parliamentary question number 286 of 9 June 2015 he provided same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39537/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the policies, reporting requirements and specific oversight procedures he has put in place since 7 February 2013 in relation to the costs of the liquidation and the special liquidators of IBRC; if he has engaged an external party or other State entity to examine and challenge the invoices produced; the work upon which the costs are based; the method of charging and calculation of such costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39538/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications received under the employment and investment incentive scheme in each year of its existence; the number of applications approved and refused respectively; the number in which decisions are still awaited; the amount invested each year; the average turnaround time for a decision from the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39549/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct insurance companies to reassess the risk of flooding based on the Office of Public Works flood risk maps for the area of Abberley, Killiney, County Dublin and not on outdated flood risk information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39558/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider recommending that insurance companies show the actual cost of insurance fraud on each individual insurance premium, in view of the fact that highlighting the actual cost to a person's insurance may increase the number of persons that report insurance fraud and may help reduce the overall cost per year to insurers and customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39610/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the action being taken to reduce variable interest rates in the banking sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39652/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that core credit unions have taken a vote to expel members that have less than €10 in their account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39719/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent comments made by President Juncker in his state of the union address (details supplied); the implications this may have for the State; the actions he will take to prevent changes to the corporation tax rate here in view of the commitment made following the second Lisbon Treaty and the agreed protocols on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39745/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the policies he is implementing to ensure that the State remains competitive; the number of recommendations that are being implemented from the most recent national competitiveness council report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39746/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met the Fiscal Council recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39747/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a VAT compensation scheme to provide relief from VAT if only on a partial basis initially on activities undertaken by charities here in the context of budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39758/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the instances in which customer data was lost or misplaced by banks (details supplied); if such instances were referred to the Data Protection Commissioner; the policy of each bank in relation to employees travelling with printed documents containing personal and confidential information relating to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39759/17]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an organisation (details supplied) is deemed ineligible for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39782/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty faced by some home owners along river banks and flood prone areas in obtaining home insurance; his plans to introduce a scheme, similar to the flood re scheme in the UK, whereby the government assists flood prone home owners obtain affordable cover for their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39836/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has indicated at the European Council of finance ministers that he will oppose the proposal to drop the unanimity requirement in relation to the proposed common consolidated corporate tax base; if he will further indicate that taxation matters should remain under the competence of each member state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39856/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 214 of 11 September 2017, if the Revenue Commissioners have assessed the additional resources which would be required if the UK left the customs union; the reason this is not possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39867/17]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if customs officials are targeting an increase in the percentage of physical examinations of consignments in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39868/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the proposals put forward as part of the State's bid to host the European Banking Authority to ensure the retention of specialised staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39869/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if banks (details supplied) allow their existing mortgage customers on a variable interest rate linked to their to value ratio or on a loan to value interest rate to move down to a lower loan to value band on the basis of an up to date valuation of their home

and therefore benefit from the lower interest rate associated with that lower loan to value band. — Michael McGrath. [39904/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rebate due to a person (details supplied) under the home renovation scheme will be paid in full; and the reason for the delay in this payment. — John McGuinness. [39905/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the par value of the remaining loan held by NAMA; the number of employees NAMA has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39907/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the redundancy scheme operated by NAMA; the number of staff that availed of the redundancy scheme; the overall cost to the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39908/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and percentage of income earners and income tax cases that pay the different rates of income tax; the number and percentage of income earners and income tax cases that pay the different rates of USC, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39913/17]

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

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Central Mental Hospital site is in the ownership of the Office of Public Works; and if so, the legal framework under which the HSE operates the Central Mental Hospital within a site owned by the Office of Public Works. — Clare Daly. [39273/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans for the Central Mental Hospital site after the transfer of the current facility to the Portrane campus. — Clare Daly. [39274/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of rent being paid for the Department of Health's new headquarters (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [39366/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason an organisation (details supplied) is not on the list of organisations with which his department allows a transfer of service despite a person giving financial recognition and increments for years of service. — Anne Rabbitte. [39459/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the river at a location (details supplied) will be cleaned. — Dara Calleary. [39141/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a flood protection scheme (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [39254/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a flood protection scheme (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [39270/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the years of service with an organisation can be recognised as years of service for pension purposes for a person (details supplied); and the reason the organisation is not a member of the public sector transfer network. — Anne Rabbitte. [39460/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the OPW will take possession back of the car park for the new Drogheda courthouse; if the OPW will expedite discussions with Louth county council to ensure that the car park can be made open to the public on non sitting court days (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39670/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if premises (details supplied) could be leased to a local youth group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39894/17]

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

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase student funding over the next four years to at least the average rate of other high income western European EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39052/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the role his department has in coordinating government departments' responses to the risks outlined in the national assessment report on risks, particularly in view of the fact that they apply to the risks outlined in the report in relation to human capital and skills needs and in view of the fact they are deemed to be issues of growing importance in the report; the areas the government will address; and the way in which it will address same. — Micheál Martin. [39103/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the school transport of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39592/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the names of all persons that have served as chairperson and as ordinary members of FÁS from 2012 until its dissolution; the amount of remuneration, travel and subsistence paid to each person from 2012 until its dissolution; if persons that are public servants received remuneration in breach of the one person one salary rule; if he plans to recover such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [39864/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the €160 million paid by his department to Bus Éireann in 2017 in view of the fact that no service level agreement is in place (details supplied); his plans to put in place a service level agreement; his further plans to ensure that proper governance structures are put in place and that value for this expenditure is achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39090/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 345 of 26 July 2017, if he will provide a copy of the most recent year end report to his department in respect of funding provided to Enterprise Ireland outlining its activities and utilisation of this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39108/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 345 of 26 July 2017, the reason there are different arrangements in place with organisations that receive funding from his department; the reason there is not a standard service level agreement in place to ensure a consistency of governance in relation to spending in view of the fact that there are various types of agreements in place by his department with different organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39109/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 345 of 26 July 2017, if he will provide a copy of the most recent year end report to his department in respect of funding provided to the IDA outlining its activities and utilisation of this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39110/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding his department allocates to LCETB on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39155/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number and location of all vacant schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39195/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the building unit within his department will consider buying a permanent site in the city of Limerick as a matter of urgency to house Limerick education centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39205/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has requested an analysis of the status of research infrastructure within HEIs; his plans for reviewing and funding strategic development plans in the HEIs; if he has carried out an analysis of the impact on HEIs of the potential withdrawal of UK HEIs from EU funding programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39207/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) in County Galway was not offered a school place in Galway city and has to travel every day to school in Athenry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39238/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of apprentices in block laying, plastering and bricklaying that commenced their apprenticeships in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39239/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his attention was drawn to fire safety concerns in schools (details supplied); the actions being taken to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39240/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department carried out a study in relation to the establishment of a support centre within his department to enable the transition of English medium schools to Irish medium schools; if he will provide the results of such a study; if there is an established protocol within his department for such a procedure; if he will make these guidelines available if such a protocol exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [39241/17]

*227. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an mbeidh an clár dátheangach um Thacaíocht Naisc (Droichead) á chur ar fáil d'iar-bhunscoileanna gaeltachta ar bhonn póilótach;

más rud é go mbeidh, cathain a chuirfear ar fáil é; cá mhéad scoil a bhfuil an roinn ag súil leis go mbeidh siad páirteach sa chlár sna trí bliana atá romhainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39244/17]

*228. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ag an rialtas maidir le háiteanna a sholáthar do 30 múinteoir iar-bhunscoile breise in aghaidh na bliana ó 2018/2019 mar atá leagtha amach sa pholasaí don oideachas gaeltachta; cén soláthraí OTM atá roghnaithe acu leis na háiteanna a chur ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39248/17]

*229. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén toradh a bhí ar an scéim phíolótach páirt-tumoideachais a luaitear i dtuarascáil bhliantúil de chuid a roinne a foilsíodh sa bhliain 2015; an bhfuil sé ar intinn ag an roinn an scéim sin a leathnú; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39249/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that have been below the threshold for the special rate of maintenance grant in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 but have not been awarded the special rate of grant due to not holding a qualifying social welfare payment or not being on said payment for the required timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39253/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary schools that have requested funding from his department to carry out fire safety works in the past three years by county, in tabular form; the number of requests approved and rejected by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39285/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when fire safety concerns were identified at a school (details supplied); the actions taken; when they were taken to deal with these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39286/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the tax relief or financial support available to a person (details supplied) going back to college for a four year course. — John McGuinness. [39328/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new schools that have been included in the DEIS scheme; and the number of schools that no longer qualify which have been excluded. — Pat Deering. [39338/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for the delivery of the planned education campus at Ballinrea, Carrigaline, County Cork; when he expects the project to go to tender; the expected date of commencement of construction and the occupancy of the three new school buildings; if the capital funding is in place for the delivery of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39341/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 10 of 6 July 2017, if a building project at a school (details supplied) will proceed to construction stage at an early date in view of the delays that have occurred and the need to provide additional and upgraded permanent school accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39346/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question numbers 108 of 5 May 2017 and 421 of 20 June 2017, when funding will be approved for the new purpose school at a school (details supplied); when the project will move to the next stage of the process; and when the new school will be complete. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39375/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of concessionary places available with existing transport providers under the school transport scheme for children in County Louth for the 2017/2018 school year; and if he has satisfied himself that the places available are sufficient to met demand. — Gerry Adams. [39381/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children with special educational needs that applied to the school transport scheme in County Louth for the 2017/2018 school year primary; the number deemed successful in meeting the criteria for a place; the number awarded concessionary places; and if his attention has been drawn to cases in which children are without a place on existing school transport. — Gerry Adams. [39384/17]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for the school transport scheme which were received in County Louth for the 2017/2018 school year; the number of applications deemed successful in meeting the criteria for a place in the scheme; the number awarded concessionary places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [39385/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the timeframe for the leaving certificate appeals process does not take cognisance of the CAO timeline (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39391/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the examiner for the leaving certificate appeals cannot make a determination on the results of the appeal; the reason the papers must go through a formal process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39392/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and future plans concerning a school (details supplied) with regard to an extension, replacement and relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39432/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 204 of 27 June 2017, when the review of Caranua will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39471/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the practice of secondary schools contracting out the setting of mock junior certificate and leaving certificate papers in addition to the marking of these papers; his further views on whether the school teachers should do this themselves; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this imposes extra costs on parents of children attending secondary schools; the measures which can be taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39490/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on extra costs being imposed on parents of children attending post primary schools such as charges for transition year activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39491/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines or legal requirements in place to prevent a child being unenrolled from one school to be enrolled in another school by a parent or guardian without the knowledge or consent of the child's other parent or guardian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39496/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if accommodations can be made in order to arrange a donation to the Special Education Support Service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39506/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary school classes that have 30 or more students for the 2017/2018 academic year and the 2016/2017 academic year respectively, by county. — John Curran. [39599/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for further funding for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [39637/17]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if accommodations can be made with the Central Applications Office in order to allow a person (details supplied) participate on their desired course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39678/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his department's interests in its lease of a school (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39714/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a memorial to remember residential institution abuse victims as recommended in the 2009 Ryan report, in view of the fact that €500,000 has been set aside for the project for the past eight years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39731/17]

*254. 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. [39736/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding 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. [39737/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the next phase of a 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. [39738/17]

*257. 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. [39739/17]

*258. 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. [39740/17]

*259. 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 the proposed school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39741/17]

*260. 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. [39742/17]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding transport to a school (details supplied) in County Cork for children with special needs; the steps he will take to resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39744/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the purchase of a site and the delivery of a new school building for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39750/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has given consideration to include a third level education college (details supplied) to qualify for SUSI education grants; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the many students that do not reach a minimum number of points in their leaving certificate examination must then source third level education through private colleges in which their families find it very difficult to meet the costs involved. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [39751/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost in 2018 for abolishing all third level fees both capitation and tuition for under grad and post grad. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39791/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to a national school (details supplied) not being listed as a designated feeder school by his department for a new secondary school in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39800/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a request to provide school transport for a number of children from Mullinavat to New Ross; and if the applications for a place on the existing bus will be re-examined in view of the fact some quality under the scheme. — John McGuinness. [39803/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current and or expected position in respect of a school (details supplied) in County Kildare, with particular reference to recent low enrolment numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39820/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress made to date in the consideration of a project to approve funding for a replacement school (details supplied); when the next step of the process will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39842/17]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when funding will be approved for a new science and engineering building in Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39844/17]

*270. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a cheadófar maoiniú chun athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar scoile (sonraí tugtha) agus chun síneadh a chur léi, chomh maith le cóiríocht shealadach a chur ar fáil fad is a bheidh an obair ar bun; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39846/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the extension planned for a secondary school (details supplied) in County Kildare which is included in his department's building plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39861/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the extension planned for a college (details supplied) in County Kildare which is included in his department's building plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39862/17]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the extension planned for a college (details supplied) in County Kildare which is included in his department's building plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39863/17]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of supports available through SUSI or other such sources for persons that were on jobseeker's payment but are commencing a level 9 masters conversion course which is a higher diploma in social policy and practice and is not a masters programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39876/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a proposed building project at a school (details supplied); when this project will proceed to construction stage in view of the need to provide upgraded facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39897/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a student is entitled to the maintenance component of the student grant in respect of a level 8 course on the national framework of qualifications while in receipt of the back to education allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39898/17]

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

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the planned meetings with his European colleagues and officials to address Brexit related issues. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39077/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or his department are making plans to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. — Micheál Martin. [39094/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to his EU counterparts regarding Brexit recently. — Micheál Martin. [39096/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which his department's officials are coordinating the latest round of Brexit meetings at EU level, particularly in relation to the preparation of a possible border after March 2019. — Micheál Martin. [39102/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on including the names of parents on a child's passport on the observations page or elsewhere (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39208/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if it is possible for an Irish passport holder to have their gender changed on the foreign births register once they have a gender recognition certificate; if this then entitles them to get a passport in their correct gender; if Irish embassies and consulates abroad have processes in place to help passport holders do this if necessary; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some passport holders are having difficulty getting their foreign births registration entry updated in this regard. — Seán Crowe. [39232/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the cost of a report by consultants (details supplied) on barriers to returning Irish emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39252/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on progress in the talks with the British government and with the political parties in Stormont in relation to the re-establishment of the Northern Ireland Executive and Northern Ireland Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39355/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had recently with the United States authorities in relation to the undocumented Irish; the visa proposals he has put forward that would assist Irish persons that need to have their status regularised in the United States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39356/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the legal and constitutional obligations that the government has under the Good Friday Agreement in relation to Northern Ireland and the border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39360/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the case of a person (details supplied) in Egypt in view of the fact that there seemed to be positive progress during July and August 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39414/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed with his EU counterparts the situation in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39515/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on President Juncker's plan for a more united stronger and democratic union, in particular plans in relation to further enhancing subsidiary proportionality and better regulation in the daily operation of the European Union. — Micheál Martin. [39668/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the state of the union speech by the president of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, in the European Parliament on 14 September 2017 (details supplied); and his views on these suggestions. — Seán Crowe. [39798/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) that went missing after the Argentine security forces evicted a group of the indigenous Mapuche community from their lands in Patagonia due to a dispute with an Italian clothing company (detail supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the United Nations committee reported that their disappearance required urgent action by the administration of Argentina's president, Mauricio Macri; and if he will raise this case with his Argentine counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [39799/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the negotiations to allow the Northern Ireland Assembly to be reconvened; and the timeframe for when the negotiations will be concluded. — Micheál Martin. [39658/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the growing market for organ harvesting, particularly in China; if action at EU level has been taken to condemn and combat this growing market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39826/17]

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by children with disabilities in the developing world; if Irish Aid is in a position to offer direct support for those with disabilities in view of their specific needs and the fact that NGOs on the ground have pointed out that this group is ten times less likely to attend school in the developing world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39827/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to requests from a group (details supplied), if approval will be given to increase the amount of funding the government provides in overseas development aid; and if he will ensure that Irish Aid disaggregates the data from all of its projects by age to ensure better planning for the future. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39828/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will request the Saudi and Qatari authorities to withdraw the requirement for exit visas in order to facilitate the return of trapped migrant workers to prevent a humanitarian crisis. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39829/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will condemn the growing arms trade which in 2015 exceeded \$1.68 trillion; his views on whether this trade has a detrimental effect, particularly on those in conflict zones and in view of the fact that eight of the top 20 arms selling nations are members of the EU; and if he will progress this worrying trend at European level. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39830/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to parliamentary question number 482 of 11 September 2017, the level of security that is not in the issuing of passports but that is in the issuing of the public services card; his views on the security of passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39866/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the Brexit negotiations. — Micheál Martin. [39657/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the reinstatement of the civic forum is part of the discussions in relation to the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly. — Brendan Smith. [39903/17]

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

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he or his officials were informed regarding the Garda Commissioner’s intention to apply for the head of Europol vacancy. — Micheál Martin. [39033/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Irish family owned businesses can involve an immigrant investor in the company; and the requirements for such a development. — Thomas Byrne. [39288/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of daily checks that are carried out in relation to drivers using bus lanes illegally. — Bríd Smith. [39475/17]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of fines that are issued daily to drivers using bus lanes illegally. — Bríd Smith. [39476/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the State will ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39761/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 384 and 400 of 13 July 2017, if he will contact An Garda Síochána and request the furnishing of the information without further delay (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39112/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a decision will be made on the reopening of Rush garda station with regard to the pilot scheme to reopen six garda stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [39116/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures he plans to take following the Europol report that shows Ireland as third highest in the European Union for reports that specifically relate to the suspected financing of terrorism. — Sean Sherlock. [39122/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the person or body that owns CCTV hardware at a location (details supplied); the person or body that is responsible for the monitoring and recording; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39125/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he received the Murray Report; and when he plans to publish it. — Sean Sherlock. [39134/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to revise the current garda vetting process in relation to substitute teaching positions requiring that candidates undergo garda vetting requirements in order to simplify the relevant procedures with the view to minimising, insofar as possible and without diminishing the robust and crucial scrutiny of candidates, the administrative burden which is placed on candidates that are required to complete and return the necessary paperwork for each individual post for which they apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39149/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can have their GNIB number registered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39166/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the sums allocated to cover the costs of the Commission on the Future of Policing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39194/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures that have been taken to combat digital fraud on persons' mobile phones; and if he will compel communication providers to take a more active role in blocking these fraudulent phone numbers. — Sean Sherlock. [39234/17]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for family reunification in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39261/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of prisoners actively following a course with a university (details supplied) at present in each institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39276/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the date on which a planned review of the Irish Prison Service's national incentivised regimes policy will be completed; the tendering process of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39277/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is a public register of post nuptial citizenship certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39293/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the register for post nuptial citizenship is available for public inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39294/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the exact date that his department started issuing post nuptial certificates for citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39295/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the legislative basis for certificates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39297/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the arrangements that have been made in relation to the provision of alternative accommodation for the residents of a centre (details supplied) in view of the fact that approval has been given to change the centre into apartments; the consultation which has taken place between the management of the centre, the RIA and the residents; when the residents were informed of this decision; the timeline for the implementation of the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39462/17]

*323. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39489/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to ratify EU resolution 2079 (2015) concerning equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of father, in order to remove from family law the difference based on marital status between parents that have acknowledged their child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39495/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the sanctions that can be imposed on a parent that persistently, frequently and repeatedly frustrates, denies or cancels a child's court ordered access with his or her other parent to ensure that the child is not alienated from his or her other parent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39497/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review on humanitarian grounds the decision to deport in the case of a person (details supplied) who is wheelchair bound; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39512/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí that have taken either the level 4 or level 5 garda driving course in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017; the length of time the course lasts; the frequency with which courses are held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39513/17]

*328. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to provide funding for the purchase of extra unmarked garda cars and extra marked garda vans for the Garda Traffic Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39514/17]

*329. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the application procedure for a prison officer post; the reason a person working in the prison service in the UK that has the relevant qualifications for the UK prison service cannot be afforded an interview here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39570/17]

*330. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will respond to a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) which could have a significant effect on the operation of the Insolvency Service. — Michael McGrath. [39577/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been prosecuted before the courts in 2017 under sections 3 and 15 respectively of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016; the way in which this compares with figures for the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39593/17]

*332. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been convicted before the courts in 2017 under sections 3 and 15 respectively of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016; the way in which this compares with figures for the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39594/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which An Garda Síochána are tackling boy racing or young drivers, in particular young male drivers that race on roads late at night; the deterrents that are in place; the number of convictions to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39611/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the growth of drug abuse in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39612/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and the ranks of each in Cork city; the number of vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39613/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an appeal in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39712/17]

*337. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason garda vetting for a person (details supplied) has taken over one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39730/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider including owners' management companies under the regulation of the PSRA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39732/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an owners' management company for a multi unit development and the management agent are allowed to have the same directors and effectively be the same company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39733/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of uniformed members of An Garda Síochána that have been removed from front line duties in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39748/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons that have been charged before the Special Criminal Court in 2017; and the number of persons charged before the Special Criminal Court in each year since 2000. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39752/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons charged before the Special Criminal Court each year since 2000; the number charged with scheduled offences under the Offences Against the State Acts; and the number charged with non-scheduled offences. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39753/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons convicted in the Special Criminal Court in each year since 2000. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39754/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the conviction rate for contested cases in the Special Criminal Court; and if he will provide comparative figures on the conviction rate for contested cases in the Circuit Criminal Court and the Central Criminal Court. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39755/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average length of time for a case to be heard before the Special Criminal Court from the point at which a person is charged; and the way in which this compares with the Central Criminal Court and the Circuit Criminal Courts. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39756/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions for careless driving and or anti-social driving by each district in 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39774/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions for careless driving and or anti-social driving in and around Clonmel, County Tipperary in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39775/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which careless driving and or anti-social driving, including boy racer driving behaviour and events, are being policed across the country; his plans to improve policing of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39776/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which careless driving and or anti-social driving, including boy racer driving behaviour and events, are being monitored and halted

across the country; his plans to improve this area of road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39777/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review the position of persons (details supplied) with particular reference to regularisation of their position in view of the fact they have resided here since 2005 and 2011 respectively and have established their life here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39781/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39802/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for international protection under section 22 of the International Protection Act 2015 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39817/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) will be paid in full the wages due to them; the support and advice which was provided to the person following an assault at work and a car accident while working; if he will resolve all matters relative to this case without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39906/17]

Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

*354. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of events she attended in an official capacity for heritage week. — Clare Daly. [39138/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the staffing levels of both full time and part time staff employed to maintain the castle gardens at Glenveagh National Park, County Donegal; the number of vacancies in respect of full time, part time and seasonal positions which have yet to be filled as part of the gardening team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39161/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her department has received formal requests for additional staffing resources to complement the team of workers employed to maintain and care for gardens at Glenveagh National Park, County Donegal in each the of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; if so, if the requests were either approved or rejected in each instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39162/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the conservation plan for the care and preservation of architectural elements and ornamental structures sited at the castle gardens of Glenveagh National Park was formally enacted; her plans to revise and update the plan to ensure that the conservation needs of this amenity may be most effectively met in the years going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39163/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a person (details supplied) in County Clare whose lands adjoin a National Parks and Wildlife site will have their boundary wall completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [39164/17]

*359. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta ós rud é go bhfuil an spriocdháta a gealladh i gceist pharlaiminte 392 ó 23 Bealtaine 2017 sáraithe, cathain a fhoilseofar an plean gníomhaíochta maidir leis an Straitéis 20 Bliain don tréimhse 2017-2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [39242/17]

*360. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cad atá ar intinn ag a Roinn a dhéanamh, mar chomhlacht ar a bhfuil freagracht faoi leith mar atá leagtha síos sa Pholasaí don Oideachas Gaeltachta, chun tacú le seirbhísí luathbhlianta a fheidhmíonn trí mheán na Gaeilge; cé na pleananna atá aici chun comhaltaí foirne agus acmhainní breise a chur ar fáil; cá mhéad comhalta foirne agus cá mhéad airgead breise a cuirfear ar fáil gach bliain sna cúig bliana atá romhainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39243/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a person (details supplied) who has provided all the requested documents to her department will receive payment for the NPWS scheme and cessation of turf cutting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [39250/17]

*362. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if all staff members of Foras na Gaeilge take the 10% cut as did other public servants; and if they were treated in the same manner under FEMPI legislation. — Peadar Tóibín. [39256/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is considering changes to the conditions or criteria for the application and granting of licences for the purpose of hare coursing. — Clare Daly. [39272/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of exports licences for cultural objects that have been granted over the past five years; and the items involved in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [39278/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has received correspondence from a group (details supplied); the assistance which can be afforded to this group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39371/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the National Parks and Wildlife Service is using Larsen traps as part of its curlew conservation programme; and if it is using these traps in other programmes. — Clare Daly. [39426/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the National Landscape Strategy for Ireland with regard to the hiring of landscape architects by local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [39492/17]

*368. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil iarratas faighte ag a roinn ó chomhairle contae na Gaillimhe maidir le hairgead a chur ar fáil d'uasghrádu bóthair (sonraí tugtha); cén rannóg atá ag plé leis an iarratas sa roinn; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta go dtí seo maidir leis an iarratas a bhreithniú; cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar an iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39847/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for recent comments in relation to the forthcoming referendum on the Eighth Amendment being held in June 2018. — Micheál Martin. [39100/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the reason ocuvite lutein is no longer available under the general medical services scheme; if he will reinstate octuvite lutein on the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39727/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person working for a section 39 organisation, such as an organisation (details supplied), is not entitled to the same pay restorations as their public sector or HSE colleagues as provided for under the Haddington Road and Lansdowne Road Agreements or entitled to future public sector pay increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39837/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health his views on allowing primary care resource centres to become ambulatory care hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39055/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to keep older and newly qualified general practitioners here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39056/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a new GMS contract that will represent a new opportunity and reimagine the way in which general practice and primary care is delivered here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39057/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the provision of essential equipment for a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39061/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the status of HSE dental services in Ballymahon, County Longford; and if he plans to intervene in order to protect this service. — Robert Troy. [39087/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite extra home care hours for a person (details supplied) in order that they can be discharged from Cherry Orchard hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39088/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a wheelchair for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39089/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a soft opt out model of organ donation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [39113/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to fund an IVF scheme for persons that both carry the cystic fibrosis genes which would remove the CF gene before conception (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Barrett. [39114/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of senior executive positions that have been filled annually by the HSE since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39123/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of agencies funded under section 39 of the Health Act 2004 concerning pay restoration; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that agencies which were required to align their staff pay to HSE salary scales over many years and were instructed to reduce pay in accordance with FEMPI have now been informed that their staff are not entitled to any pay restoration as FEMPI is unwound in the public service; if this reflects his own position on the matter; if so, the way in which he justifies it;

the number of agencies, the number of staff and the amount of pay involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39135/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that availed of services at a HSE day care facility (details supplied) over the past 12 months; the locations of the surrounding district from which patients attended; and the details of the various services provided at this centre. — Thomas Byrne. [39146/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the reason none of the services have been relocated to the new and under occupied HSE primary care centre building on the Navan Road in Kells, County Meath further to the end of services at a HSE day care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [39147/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit dental hygienists in CHO1 to address significant waiting times and staff shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39151/17]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a primary school dental appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39154/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical condition (details supplied) is covered under the GMS scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [39157/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for an MRI scan in the midland regional hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly. — Barry Cowen. [39165/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents waiting for an appointment for urgent orthodontic treatment in CHO1; the efforts being taken to reduce the waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39168/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents waiting for 0 to 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months, 12 to 18 months, 18 to 24 months and over 24 months for orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39169/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by an organisation (details supplied) for an IVF scheme for couples with cystic fibrosis genes; his plans to provide supports for those persons undergoing IVF and associated treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39171/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop and implement a new oral health strategy as recommended by an organisation (details supplied); his views on whether a new national dental health and oral hygiene programme is needed in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39172/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health when discussions on the provision of first responder schemes between the National Ambulance Service and the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management are expected to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39174/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be transferred to the rehabilitation centre in Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39177/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given an appointment for an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [39179/17]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his department's regulations with regard to the cost of so called extras being levied on residents of nursing homes and their families. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39183/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be given a date to have open heart surgery performed in St James's hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39186/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if he will schedule an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39197/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of alcohol consumption statistics to differentiate between the total alcohol consumption per capita greater than 15 years of age of the population and the total alcohol per capita greater than 15 years of age consumption in litres of pure alcohol of tourists visiting here in each of the years 2014 to 2016 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39211/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39233/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the transport charges which have been incurred by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39236/17]

*402. 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. [39268/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); the way this person was missed on the primary school dental scheme; if they can now be urgently seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39271/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment appointment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork can be expedited. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [39284/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if dental services will continue to be delivered at a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39287/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if his department will facilitate a transfer for a person (details supplied) to a nursing home closer to their family in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39291/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the relaunched HPV awareness campaign is costing; if a public relations company has been contracted to boost this campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39311/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider removing funding from a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39313/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if a public relations company is involved in the new HPV awareness campaign; if so, the cost of this contract; the duration of the contract; if there was a tender process; the number of companies that applied for the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39314/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be provided for a person (details supplied) with special needs for a taxi to transport them to and from a training centre. — Billy Kelleher. [39321/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve treatment abroad for a person (details supplied); and if the original approach to the HSE will be approved. — John McGuinness. [39326/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a follow up care plan for a person (details supplied); and if the HSE will be instructed to engage immediately with this person and their family. — John McGuinness. [39327/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent comments of a person (details supplied) in which they referred to some of the HPV vaccine campaigns as acts of emotional terrorism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39333/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, additional funding and resources that are being put in place nationally by his department and the HSE to better care for the estimated 3,500 persons that will develop Alzheimer's each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39336/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has not circulated the package information leaflet in the HPV vaccine information packs in order that parents may make an informed consent on the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39339/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a shortage of ICU beds in Crumlin hospital particularly in view of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39340/17]

*417. 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. [39344/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who was not paid their salary at the end of August 2017 as scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39345/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the position of a person (details supplied) on a waiting list for additional home support and respite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39358/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health if steps can be taken to appoint a social worker to liaise with the parents of a person (details supplied) to ensure their needs are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39359/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health when his department will move to its new headquarters (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [39364/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health when his department started paying rent on its new headquarters (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [39365/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the testing of Lyme's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39369/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1199 of 11 September 2017, the number of new medical card applications awaiting processing by CHO area or county; and the number of these applications that have exceeded the 15 day turnaround by CHO area or county. — Gerry Adams. [39376/17]

*425. 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. [39377/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for the public health nurse to call to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [39397/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to fund the 96 extra bed unit at university hospital Limerick; and the steps he is taking to alleviate the high level of overcrowding in the hospital. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39398/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pain management clinics in the border, midlands and western regions by county and specific location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39406/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE pain management clinics that have been closed since 2011; the locations of the closed clinics; the reason for their closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39407/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a first appointment to a pain management clinic, by county and specific location, in the border, midlands and western regions as at 31 December 2015 and as at 31 August 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39408/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planning process for the delivery of the stroke unit in Bantry hospital; the stage it is at; if the value as reported of €4 million is accurate; the date on which work will commence; the timeframe for the project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39416/17]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for gynaecological procedures both day and in patient cases since April 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39417/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to give families the choice and supports needed on a statutory basis to allow them keep older relatives at home instead of the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39418/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase capacity in acute hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39419/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the filling of vacancies in mental health services; the steps that have been taken in 2017 to address this matter in the north and south Lee areas in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39420/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the reported 54% reduction in the number of elective surgeries in the past four years and in particular the cancellation of 41,000 elective surgeries in 2016; the actions that are being taken to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39421/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to meet the head of a programme (details supplied) in the UK when they visit Dublin in October 2017 to deliver an address on e-cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39422/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce legislation to on the use of e-cigarettes inside public venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39423/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the latest statistics in relation to the numbers of persons that are smoking here; if he has satisfied himself with the reduction; the extra effort that will be made to make the State smoke free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39424/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given a date for orthognathic surgery to be carried out at the national dental hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39436/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to improve juvenile arthritis treatment in Cork university hospital; when a replacement consultant will be put in place; if consideration is being given for a satellite clinic in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [39446/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding for the World Health Organisation's baby friendly health initiative has stopped; if this decision will be reversed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [39450/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given or will be given to the funding of an IVF scheme to eliminate the cystic fibrosis genes for couples affected by this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [39451/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect an appointment for orthodontic treatment with the Health Service Executive. — Barry Cowen. [39452/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for surgery. — Barry Cowen. [39473/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open an injecting room at a location (details supplied) in Dublin 8; the timeframe to open the facility; the number of persons it is expected to serve; the opening times during the day; if this will be a pilot scheme or a permanent facility; the

way in which it will be funded; and the length of time it is expected to be operational. — Bríd Smith. [39474/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trollies in Wexford general hospital in each of the years 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017, by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39479/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed at Wexford general hospital in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017 by profession, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39480/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the services available at Wexford general hospital; the additional services planned as part of the HSE service plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39481/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses employed at Wexford general hospital 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. — David Cullinane. [39482/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all inpatient and outpatient appointments and procedures at Wexford general hospital, by speciality and by bands (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39483/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the capital and operational funding provided to Wexford general hospital in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by funding stream, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39484/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services available in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39485/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres in operation here, by county and by year they were established, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39486/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary health care centres in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39487/17]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in County Wexford 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. — David Cullinane. [39488/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter with regard to a community hospital (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39493/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be seen for assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [39494/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card renewal will be complete for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39499/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons receiving opioid maintenance treatment; the number of years they have been receiving an opioid substitute, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39503/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug and alcohol detox beds; the location of each; if they are public or private beds; the number that are for alcohol detox, drug detox or drug and alcohol detox; the waiting list for each category at each location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39504/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have a procedure carried out in Beaumont hospital. — Thomas Byrne. [39505/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); if all outstanding information in respect of their application has now been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39509/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost in 2018 to recruit an additional 100 dentists for the public health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39516/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost to purchase 25 extra fully kitted out ambulances for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39517/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE service plan 2015 directive regarding rates of pay for sleep overs in the intellectual disability and children and family sector applies to all qualified personnel working in both public and private facilities; and if so, the amount of that rate. — Clare Daly. [39518/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the new 50 bed mental health unit at Galway university hospital will open; the plans in place to facilitate this transfer; the reason for the delay in opening the unit; the complement of staff necessary to run the unit; if all of those positions have been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39519/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the status of proposals the Galway psychiatric unit has for the provision of outpatient clinics and or services in Galway city and county; the status of the proposed outpatient facility at Dangan, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39520/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a HSE query; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39523/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide €40 million additional funding in budget 2018 to provide for dementia care coordinators in each local health office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39546/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be scheduled to have braces fitted for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39547/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39548/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the freestyle libre system to be made available under the LTI scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type 1 diabetes but will be made available to all persons on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39554/17]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the freestyle libre system to be made available under the LTI scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type 1 diabetes but will be made available to all persons on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39555/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health when the freestyle libre system will be made available under the long term illness scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type one diabetes but will be made available to all persons on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39557/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [39565/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide advice in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39568/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a reclining chair by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39569/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the freestyle libre system to be made available under the LTI scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type 1 diabetes but will be made available to all persons on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [39574/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health if he has given consideration to adding a dietician to the services potentially provided following an assessment of need report being produced for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39575/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine complaints made regarding the care of a person (details supplied) in relation to St. James's Hospital, Dublin 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39576/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the provision of funding for a Prader-Willi syndrome pilot project; if he has been liaising with an association (details supplied) on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39578/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the appraisal stage for Saint Patricks hospital, Cashel which is included in the capital programme announced in 2016; the details of each of the

stages that form part of the capital planning guidelines; the approximate timeframe for each stage based on the HSE's previous project experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39579/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [39581/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health if he will assist in having a replacement item procured for a person (details supplied) in County Cork in view of the difficulties this person has with their existing equipment. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [39582/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the dental clinic in Castlepollard is being closed and withdrawn to Mullingar (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [39588/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health when the freestyle libre system will be made available under the long term illness scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type one diabetes but will be made available to every person on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [39589/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made to introduce a scheme to replace the motorised transport grant scheme; when such a replacement scheme will likely be operational and open to new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39590/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39598/17]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and outpatient hospital cancellations at Wexford general hospital 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. — David Cullinane. [39602/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients from Wexford general hospital outsourced to other hospitals 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. — David Cullinane. [39603/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend by Wexford general 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. — David Cullinane. [39604/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the total did not attend rate for Wexford general 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. — David Cullinane. [39605/17]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants employed at Wexford general 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. — David Cullinane. [39606/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and outpatient beds open at Wexford general hospital 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. — David Cullinane. [39607/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and day cases treated at Wexford general 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. — David Cullinane. [39608/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of car parking spaces available at university hospital Waterford; the charge in place; the charge in each of the years 2008 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39609/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the name of the body that inspects buildings to ascertain if their disability access is suitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39614/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of replacement motorised wheelchairs that are available in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown to be used when an existing person's chair is being repaired or needs replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39616/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [39633/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all publicly run nursing homes in County Wicklow. — John Brady. [39638/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all privately run nursing homes in County Wicklow. — John Brady. [39639/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health if he will waive the €80 fee which haemochromatosis patients that do not qualify for a medical card must pay each time they get a venesection; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are turning away from treatment due to this charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39640/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health if financial assistance can be given by the HSE to a person (details supplied) who was unable to wait on a lengthy waiting list due to the severity of their case to have two new knee replacements, the first of which will be done in a private hospital (details supplied) in the near future. — Pat Deering. [39663/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health when the freestyle libre system will be made available under the LTI scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type 1 diabetes but will be made available to everyone on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39664/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress of the availability of a medical device for diabetes (details supplied) on the long term illness scheme; and if the device will also be available for those with type 2 diabetes. — Ruth Coppinger. [39669/17]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the operational primary care centres and the year in which they opened, by county, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [39706/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding paid to private nursing homes under the fair deal scheme for 2015 and 2016; the names of the nursing homes; the location of each nursing home in cases in which subvention has been paid; the amount paid to each participant

nursing home on a per annum basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39715/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he will assist in the urgent provision of a necessary item of equipment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39716/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there is a doctor operating in Ballivor, County Meath five days a week (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [39724/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if a further assessment can be arranged to be carried out to increase home help hours in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39734/17]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the action he has taken to assist a person (details supplied) who urgently requires a residential placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39735/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of mental health supports for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [39760/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the status of unfilled temporary vacant employee positions within a HSE facility (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39764/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost in 2018 to abolish all hospital charges, both overnight and accident and emergency. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39785/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost in 2018 to provide free general practitioner care to all. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39786/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost in 2018 to keep health funding at its current level when taking into account wages, salaries, costs and demographic changes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39787/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding in the health budget for obesity and chronic disease prevention. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39788/17]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the funding in the health budget for home care packages. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39789/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the funding in the health budget for respite care and PA services. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39790/17]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider funding the drug vimizin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39794/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for an ophthalmologist that has resigned from their post to be replaced in a health centre (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that children are left indefinitely waiting for a service while the post is vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [39795/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the freestyle libre system to be made available under the LTI scheme for persons with diabetes; if availability will not be restricted only to persons with type 1 diabetes but will be made available to all persons on multi daily insulin injections based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [39797/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund the drug vimizin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39804/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide persons with multiple sclerosis access to sativex and to allow the costs to be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39805/17]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card is for a life of the person and not subject to review or modification in cases in which a medical card is issued under EU regulation 883-04; if he will ensure that this right to a medical card is applied in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39806/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health when required surgery will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); the number of persons awaiting similar surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39807/17]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health if the freestyle libre system will be made available for persons with all types of diabetes under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39813/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if his department has estimated the cost of maintaining the EHIC for Irish citizens resident in Northern Ireland post Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39815/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the work done by his department to date on the maintenance of the EHIC benefits for Irish citizens living in Northern Ireland post Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39816/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if specific funding or additional resources will be allocated to enable the appointment of personnel at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39855/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate additional resources for home support for the remainder of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39857/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate additional resources to community health area one for home support for 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39858/17]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the HPRA project focused on managing medicine shortages to help to support the availability of medicines after Brexit. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39872/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the reasoning behind the decision to remove a pain relief medication (details supplied) from the medical card scheme; if he will reconsider this decision in view of the effectiveness of this product for chronic pain sufferers and the high price of the medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39893/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the €40 million towards community supports for persons with dementia which is being proposed by an organisation (details supplied) is included in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39902/17]

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

*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be expected on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39160/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken by his department to encourage a reduction in the use of antimicrobials in animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39257/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend membership of the EU monitoring committee for the rural development programme to an organisation (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [39280/17]

*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision on an AEOS 3 contract in respect of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if a ground inspection will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39310/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will put in place a grant package for fencing materials further to the announcement that farmers by 2021 are required to have lands fenced off at locations in which cattle are drinking at rivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39315/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to have a grant system in place similar to TAMS for drinking facilities from rivers via a water pump or drinking bowl system (details supplied); if this grant system will be in place before these requirements come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39316/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce long term, low cost loan measures to assist agri businesses improve competitiveness due to the particular challenges that will arise from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39347/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to assist the beef sector due to difficulties that have arisen from the decline in the value of sterling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39349/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to assist the mushroom sector due to difficulties that have arisen from the decline in the value of sterling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39350/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of mushroom farmers and businesses that have been approved to participate in the special agri loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39351/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question numbers 292 and 293 of 13 April 2017, the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39361/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39435/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount the payment increase per hectare would be per proposals (details supplied), in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [39455/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount the payment increase per hectare would be per proposals (details supplied), in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [39456/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the remaining 15% of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39591/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend membership of the monitoring committee for the rural development programme 2014 to 2020 to an association (details supplied) in view of the fact that the matter has been under consideration for over seven months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39723/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans following the end of the consultation process for the review of the Agriculture Appeals Act 2001; the way in which he will assure the independence of an appeals process that involves his department in deciding on an appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39725/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment (details supplied) will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39743/17]

*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department's flood damage relief measures support scheme for flood damaged farms in north east County Donegal includes damage to farm roads, tillage crops destroyed, potato crops destroyed, second cut silage destroyed, loss of grazing and the replacement of fencing destroyed by the floods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39757/17]

*556. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39835/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application for a grant by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39841/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for an aquaculture licence by a person (details supplied) will be approved; the progress made with the application to date; if the National Parks and Wildlife Service has been consulted on the matter; the remaining steps left in the process of approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39843/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of all persons that have served as chairperson and as ordinary members of the Aquaculture Licence Appeals Board since 2012; the amount of remuneration, travel and subsistence paid to each person in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; if persons that are public servants received remuneration in breach of the one person one salary rule; if he plans to recover such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [39865/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the informal council held in Estonia in the context of Brexit. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39873/17]

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

*561. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the role his department has in relation to ensuring that there is a plan to address the risks in relation to the findings in the national assessment of risk report in relation to the prominence of some technological risks being increased including the potential for cyber attacks or data fraud and theft to cause serious disruption. — Micheál Martin. [39104/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will examine the possibilities of An Post providing extended community banking facilities including cash lodgement and withdrawal facilities, foreign exchange and so on, in view of the withdrawal of branch banking services from communities here; his views on whether this represents a potential commercial opportunity for An Post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39129/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which his department has reliable evidence relating to the extent to which salmon stocks have fluctuated in the main rivers and tributaries over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39255/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will expedite permanent work to be carried out on a specific project (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39601/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the definition of 5G; if there will be nationwide 5G coverage; and if he will provide a timeframe and cost for such coverage in view of the fact that the government has now signed an international commitment on this. — Sean Sherlock. [39121/17]

*566. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the plans put in place by a company (details supplied) for the house and business connections following the completed broadband rollout in individual areas in the blue and light blue areas; if this is being subcontracted; the proposed individual cost per home and business for connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39209/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of broadband enabling for an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39235/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the considerations which were given to rolling out an all-island broadband network; the detail of meetings between Irish and Northern Ireland and or UK officials to discuss the possibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39309/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to review the application process for the SEAI better energy warmer homes grant to include those that are on low income but do not receive fuel allowance, jobseeker's allowance, family income supplement or one parent family payment (details supplied). — Kate O'Connell. [39319/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a location (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. [39343/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for a location (details supplied) to have high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39372/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if semi State bodies and agencies under his department's remit, including RTÉ, are required to engage in a public tendering process in accordance with competition law when awarding contracts for contracted work for those bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39415/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the complaint resolution mechanisms that are in place when an SEAI registered contractor fails to complete work to a satisfactory standard. — Anne Rabbitte. [39463/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a home that previously received funding under the better energy warmer homes scheme for a specific measure, for example attic insulation, is then ineligible for further grants under the better energy warmer homes scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [39464/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of an SEAI complaint (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [39465/17]

*576. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a person (details supplied) will receive access to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39501/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a union (details supplied) has warned that all post offices in Dublin central are at risk of closure; the post offices in Dublin central which are at risk of closure; and the action he has taken to ensure a continued local post office network to serve the communities of Dublin central. — Timmy Dooley. [39653/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the action he has taken to implement the recommendations of the Kerr Report. — Timmy Dooley. [39654/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has included an allocation in his budget for 2018 to support the recommendations included in the Kerr Report designed to put the post office network on a sustainable footing; and if so, the amount. — Timmy Dooley. [39655/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the Kerr Report; his plans to implement the recommendations of this report in relation to the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39860/17]

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

*581. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will re-establish the local road improvement scheme which was discontinued in view of the fact it is vital for the upkeep of significant road mileage in rural Ireland some of which has not been addressed for many decades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39148/17]

*582. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised regarding the funding proposal submitted to the pensions authority regarding the CIÉ superannuation 1951 pension scheme; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there was no consultation with the trade union group or the active membership of the pension scheme; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the CIÉ superannuation 1951 pension committee is now preparing to submit a new funding proposal containing measures that will seriously diminish members' pension benefits; his views on whether it is fair that the pension benefits of the active membership of the CIÉ superannuation 1951 pension committee schedule should be diminished as a result of a number of issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39551/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a committee (details supplied) has declined the request of approximately 450 active employees for funding for an independent legal opinion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39552/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a person (details supplied) has sought to retrospectively impose financial restrictions on funding for an independent actuary for the CIÉ superannuation pension scheme 1951, in view of the unrestricted independent actuarial advice made available to the TUG to facilitate the 1994 CIÉ pensions rationalisation agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39553/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a capital sports grant application (details supplied); when an announcement of funds allocated is expected under the sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39049/17]

*586. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 1830 of 20 June 2017, if there have been improvements to the bus service 458 between Blacklion and Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39085/17]

*587. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received correspondence from the relevant local authority in relation to the funding of a planned pedestrian foot bridge adjacent to the R257 route spanning the Clady river at An Bun Beag in County Donegal; if so, the progress that has been made to deliver this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39111/17]

*588. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the body he plans to appoint as the appeals body to make judgements in circumstances in which an appeal is taken against a decision of the IAA or an existing noise related decision of An Bord Pleanála in line with the requirements of EU Regulation 598/2014 and the need to introduce a statutory instrument to appoint the IAA as the competent authority under this regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [39115/17]

*589. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the M7 widening to three lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39117/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the schedule for widening the M7 to three lanes is delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39118/17]

*591. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the works being carried out on the M7 are on budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39119/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of the M7 upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39120/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has satisfied himself with the legal basis that allows TII and local authorities to freeze development on lands that have been identified for road projects despite those projects being delayed or cancelled owing to funding or alternative route identification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39128/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a capital sports grant application by a club (details supplied); when an announcement of funds allocated is expected under the sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39150/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for the N4 in the budget in view of the fact that a new road is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39212/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be put in place to build an extension or new road on the section of the N5 road between Tarmonbarry and Frenchpark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39213/17]

*597. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to build a dual carriageway or motorway between Mullingar and Castlebar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39214/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will open the Claremorris to Galway train line; if funding will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39215/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will bring the roads budget for county councils back up to 2008 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39216/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department is putting funding in place for an outer ring road for Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39217/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of new carriages Iarnród Éireann is buying for its fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39218/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Iarnród Éireann is refurbishing 28 train carriages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39219/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are more carriages being added to the Dublin to Westport train in view of the fact that it is frequently overcrowded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39220/17]

*604. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the Ennis Galway Limerick line will be kept open in view of positive figures on journeys taken in the week commencing 4 September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39221/17]

*605. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the sports capital grants will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39222/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department will increase the funding for the local transport sector in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39223/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department will include in the budget that foreign lorries pay a tariff on the roads similar to the tariff hauliers pay in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39224/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Dublin is getting more funding for transport infrastructure than other regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39225/17]

*609. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has considered the confiscation of vehicles on learner plates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39226/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason he will not liaise with the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to resolve the problem with the N59; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39227/17]

*611. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he envisages bringing a Luas type transport system to Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39228/17]

*612. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will contribute to a multi purpose sports stadium for the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39229/17]

*613. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is ensuring that there is far more transparency in place before government funding is given to the sporting organisations involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39230/17]

*614. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional funding can be secured for Knock airport in view of the fact that it is the most important transport hub in the west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39231/17]

*615. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he proposes to improve safety for cyclists in Dublin city; his plans to ensure better segregation between cyclist and other road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39263/17]

*616. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the poor condition of cycling infrastructure in the Dublin 15 area in particular, including the Royal Canal Way; his plans to remedy these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39264/17]

*617. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the substandard cycling infrastructure in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39265/17]

*618. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocated to cycling infrastructure in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39266/17]

*619. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a free puncture repair scheme at the local cycle shops similar to the bike purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39267/17]

*620. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding taxi NCT tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39283/17]

*621. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to include a teen rate for Irish Rail users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39298/17]

*622. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a person aged under 18 years of age and older than 16 years of age must pay the full adult price despite being a student in second level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39299/17]

*623. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the NTA's plans to consider rail prices in Kildare for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39300/17]

*624. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a sports capital programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39303/17]

*625. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allow for a holder of a US driving licence to automatically avail of an Irish licence (details supplied); if there are protocols in place currently with regard to recognition of such licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39305/17]

*626. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the long waiting times being experienced for practical driving tests in County Mayo; the reason for same; the efforts that are being made to rectify the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39342/17]

*627. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 256 of 4 May 2017, if he can ascertain from the National Transport Authority, if a company (details supplied) has identified for the provision of bus shelters nationwide; if it has identified a suitable bespoke unit as suggested by the NTA to this Deputy on 16 May 2017 for John Street, Sligo; if this will be taking place in September 2017 as suggested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39378/17]

*628. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason only €4.8 million of the previously announced €16.8 million in funding for the redevelopment of Colbert station in Limerick has been allocated to date; and when the remaining €12 million will be allocated for the completion of the works. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39395/17]

*629. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated completion dates of phase 2 and phase 3 of the redevelopment of Colbert train station in Limerick. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39396/17]

*630. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on pension schemes within the CIÉ group of companies; if senior management in those companies are also members of those schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39413/17]

*631. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of parked vehicles that are towed out of bus lanes daily. — Bríd Smith. [39477/17]

*632. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for further disincentives to stop drivers using bus lanes illegally; and the details of same. — Bríd Smith. [39478/17]

*633. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when sports clubs will be informed if they have been successful or not in the sports capital programme 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39510/17]

*634. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe and commencement by stage of the upgrade of the interchange at the Jack Lynch tunnel, Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39540/17]

*635. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider extending the Dublin bikes scheme to St Vincent’s hospital, Donnybrook and UCD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39567/17]

*636. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a sports capital grant application by a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39571/17]

*637. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the legal position under the Roads Acts in relation to wheelie bins being deposited by waste collection companies on metered parking spaces in Dublin city after the company staff have taken them up from the collection point on the footpath and emptied them into the bin lorries; the person or body liable for the wheelie bins in this circumstance in the case of an accident, that is, the waste company or the person whose wheelie bin it is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39666/17]

*638. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to ongoing complaints from residents of Clontarf, Dublin 3, in relation to night time aircraft noise when the secondary 16/34 crosswind runway is used due to upgrading works on the main runway at Dublin airport; if he has satisfied himself that the attention of the Irish Aviation Authority has been drawn to its responsibilities under EU Regulation 598/2014 in respect of aircraft noise; if he will intervene to ensure that this noise nuisance is alleviated for local residents; if these aircraft flying at low altitude pose a danger for the householders affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39671/17]

*639. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost in terms of additional government subvention to all modes of public transport including buses, rail and trams in order to enable a 50% reduction in all fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39679/17]

*640. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to establish a flood damage relief fund for sports clubs affected by the recent floods in north east County Donegal as has been provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine for farmers and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection for households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39808/17]

*641. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports he plans to provide for premises of a boxing club (details supplied) in view of the fact the premises has been significantly damaged by the recent floods in north east County Donegal. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39809/17]

*642. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports he plans to provide for a club (details supplied) whose premises and facilities have been significantly damaged by the recent floods in north east County Donegal. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39810/17]

*643. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 763 of 28 February 2017 and the application made by a sports club (details supplied), the timeframe for the announcement of the allocation. — Clare Daly. [39839/17]

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

*644. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if approval will be given for additional funding to expand on the public provision of suitable publicly provided and subsidised childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39053/17]

*645. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of money that was allocated by her department to the childcare subvention scheme in 2016. — Anne Rabbitte. [39126/17]

*646. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding that has been allocated to each band of the new affordable childcare scheme for 2017; and the number of children included in each band. — Anne Rabbitte. [39127/17]

*647. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount her department has spent on external consultancy contracts to date in 2017. — Anne Rabbitte. [39142/17]

*648. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount her department has spent on photography to date in 2017. — Anne Rabbitte. [39143/17]

*649. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount her department has spent on public relations to date in 2017. — Anne Rabbitte. [39144/17]

*650. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review a case (details supplied) and address the person's concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39181/17]

*651. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige an bhfuil aon cheanglas ar sheirbhísí oideachais luathbhlianta atá ag glacadh páirt sa scéim um chúram agus oideachas luath-óige i limistéir ghaeltachta, ach nach bhfuil bainteach le CNNG, Gaeilge a bheith á teagasc acu; mura bhfuil, cén fáth nach bhfuil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39245/17]

*652. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige ós rud é go bhfuil 46% de réamhscoileanna ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge agus go bhfuil breis is 80% de bhunscoileanna ag lorg aitheantas mar scoileanna Gaeltachta, cén fáth nach bhfuil scéim aitheantais do réamhscoileanna ar fáil sa Ghaeltacht; an bhfuil a leithéid de scéim beartaithe ag a roinn; más rud é go bhfuil plean ann dá leithéid, cathain a chuirfear i bhfeidhm í; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39246/17]

*653. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige cén toradh a bhí ar an scéim phíolótach ar cuireadh tús léi i bhFómhar na bliana 2015 agus ina raibh cigirí luath-óige le cuairt a thabhairt ar sheirbhísí a ghlacann páirt sa scéim um chúram agus oideachas luath-óige chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chaighdeán an tsoláthair oideachais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [39247/17]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which women caring for children at home can receive a certificate to allow parents of the children to avail of the affordable childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39301/17]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide an update on her engagement with a group (details supplied) in relation to a care facility in County Cork; her plans to meet with the group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39438/17]

*656. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of households by band that are currently part of band A, band AJ and band B of the CCS scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [39457/17]

*657. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the maximum income thresholds for band A, band AJ and band B of the CCS scheme. — Anne Rabbitte. [39458/17]

*658. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an organisation (details supplied) is a registered charity; and if she has satisfied herself that this organisation is fit for purpose. — Clare Daly. [39522/17]

*659. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a report on a recent incident (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39559/17]

*660. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided by her department to an organisation (details supplied), by county in each of the past three years and to date in 2017. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39560/17]

*661. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the contents of the mission statement as agreed with an organisation (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39561/17]

*662. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the operation detail of a daily programme within a specific unit (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39562/17]

*663. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the agreed location selection criteria for a specific unit (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39563/17]

*664. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an organisation (details supplied) is a registered organisation with charitable status. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39564/17]

*665. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will be an advocate to ensure that there should be a three way communication put in place namely between Tusla, representatives of a community and an organisation (details supplied) when a location is being selected. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39566/17]

*666. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if progress has been made in efforts to reopen a childcare facility (details supplied) in County Longford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39634/17]

*667. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the funding provided through Tusla for family resource centres (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39661/17]

*668. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of visits made to family resource centres since 2007, by year. — Anne Rabbitte. [39818/17]

*669. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding her department has provided to family resource centres since 2013, by year. — Anne Rabbitte. [39819/17]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*670. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to the impending sale of a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [39191/17]

*671. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will discuss with the Charities Regulator the legitimate concerns of the public in Newbridge relating to the sale of a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39193/17]

*672. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a new funding mechanism for the upgrading of libraries will be made available by his department in order that libraries such as Sligo central library in Sligo town can develop new premises to better cater to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39210/17]

*673. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to roll out the scheme to renovate properties and old buildings in small towns and villages from its present pilot status to a nationwide programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39086/17]

*674. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when groups should expect to hear regarding the second round decisions on CLÁR funding and if they have been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39289/17]

*675. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his department will provide supplement funding under the CLÁR programme for essential works in a facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39380/17]

*676. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied) which could impact on the survival of rural post offices; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39673/17]

*677. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €28 million paid to local authorities under the regional and rural sub heads in 2016 which was allocated for County Wexford; the amount that has been spent by Wexford county council submitted to his department accounting for this expenditure to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39726/17]

*678. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his department has received an application for funding to upgrade a road (details supplied); the scheme under which this application is being considered; the progress made to date in considering the application; when it is expected that a decision will be made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39845/17]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*679. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to increase welfare payment rates by a higher percentage than the projected price increases in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39051/17]

*680. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if it is legal for an employer and employee to agree that the employee will take payment in lieu of part of their holidays; if a company or its director are breaking labour law in cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [39711/17]

*681. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her department is responsible for ensuring that the payment of disability allowance goes to the person to which it is intended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39058/17]

*682. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the method used to calculate the annual payment of over €50 million to RTÉ for the free television licence; if it assumed that each person in receipt of a social welfare payment eligible for the scheme has a television without checks; and the reason the figures provided in the recent reply received by this Deputy on this issue as the annual amounts are remarkably similar and are not divisible by the television licence fee. — Clare Daly. [39124/17]

*683. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions she has taken on foot on the motion opposing the restructuring of MABS and CIS being passed by Dáil Éireann and a report from the Joint Committee on Social Protection which also called for the restructuring process to be halted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39130/17]

*684. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the cost benefit analysis of the MABS and CIS restructuring process has been completed; if completed, the findings of this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39131/17]

*685. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has formally met with representatives of MABS and CIS that are opposed to the restructuring of their organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39132/17]

*686. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the restructuring process of MABS and CIS can be halted until such a time as there is agreement between relevant stakeholders on a way forward that is agreeable with all sides concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39133/17]

*687. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a mortgage interest supplement payment will be made to a person (details supplied); if their file has been retrieved from the archives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39156/17]

*688. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39167/17]

*689. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to meet with representatives of MABS National Management Forum to discuss the proposals to regionalise the MABS and CIS; if she will issue a directive and abandon these proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39170/17]

*690. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost of the free TV license scheme over the past 10 years; and the number of persons that were covered by the scheme for each of those years. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39184/17]

*691. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to amend the criteria for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance in order to allow low income

families that do not claim a social welfare payment to avail of the scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39189/17]

*692. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an appeal which has been submitted on behalf of a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in assigning this file to an appeals officer despite it being in the urgent cases since 26 July 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39190/17]

*693. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason staff at the pensions office in County Sligo are not using the car park facilities provided on site (details supplied); if efforts can be made from within her department to address this situation going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39206/17]

*694. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the grounds upon which an application for carer's allowance was unsuccessful in view of the information submitted in the case of a person (details supplied); when an appeal will be determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39251/17]

*695. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the highest level of training on the NFQ that a person can participate in while partaking in a CE scheme as part of their CE scheme training. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39304/17]

*696. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to recent changes to the back to education allowance (details supplied), if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties these changes pose particularly for persons that work at weekends and receive premium rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39312/17]

*697. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39370/17]

*698. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for old age non contributory pension by a person (details supplied). — Tom Neville. [39379/17]

*699. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39405/17]

*700. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which an Irish citizen in receipt of a State pension but living abroad can apply for a public services card if they do not have an address here. — Clare Daly. [39425/17]

*701. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39437/17]

*702. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding applying for disability allowance while on jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39445/17]

*703. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the legal framework under which is it deemed mandatory for a person to respond to invitations being sent by her department to discuss the issuing of new public services cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39467/17]

*704. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39472/17]

*705. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for carer's or part carer's allowance in respect of their child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39498/17]

*706. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if provision can be made for persons (details supplied) to receive separate disability assistance payments or invalidity pensions as opposed to an adult dependency payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39502/17]

*707. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in respect of the determination of an appeal following an oral hearing in the case of a person (details supplied) concerning an alleged overpayment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39511/17]

*708. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 389 of 15 November 2016, the timeframe for proposals to be made available; if entitlement to a mixed insurance pro rata pension will still be an option for persons that have employment both in the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39532/17]

*709. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for FIS can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39544/17]

*710. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to replace or reinstate the telephone allowance for the elderly persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39572/17]

*711. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps that have been taken in sharing the personal data of those claiming social protection payments with driver licence data held by the RSA; the purpose of this project; if her departmental staff are to be involved in roadside checks; her views on the data rights of claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39641/17]

*712. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide details of the background to the handling of an application for back to work enterprise allowance by a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the basis on which this application was declined; the social welfare record on which this decision was made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39667/17]

*713. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the commitments in the programme for government in relation to improving the lives of persons with disabilities. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29820/17]

*714. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the eligibility for widower's pension in the case of a person (details supplied); if her department will accept a certified copy of a marriage certificate as evidence of preceding divorce with particular reference to the fact that a certified copy of same was accepted by authorities in Northern Ireland to proceed with a second marriage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39707/17]

*715. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide computer facilities for persons to search for jobs in the Dún Laoghaire social welfare office in view of the fact that the office has had no online facilities for persons to use since mid 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39708/17]

*716. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the funding allocated to schools (details supplied); the funding that was used; the area in which unused funds will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [39709/17]

*717. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the eligibility for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied) who is currently in receipt of a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39717/17]

*718. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the appropriate payment to be in receipt of in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39720/17]

*719. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to improve the scrutiny of pension trustees in particular regarding situations in which they close a scheme to distribute the assets in a fair and timely fashion. — Clare Daly. [39721/17]

*720. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she will take to address the structural inequality caused by precarious work practices here which is adversely affecting the living standards of women. — Clare Daly. [39722/17]

*721. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the drafting of legislation to exclude compensation awards arising from a tragedy (details supplied) as means for social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39762/17]

*722. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a file will be referred to the Social Welfare Appeals Office for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConologue. [39763/17]

*723. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the full cost in 2018 for abolishing the reduced JSA rates for persons under 26 years of age. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39792/17]

*724. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the full cost in 2018 of increasing child benefit in respect of children over 12 years of age by €30. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39793/17]

*725. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review an application for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39801/17]

*726. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reform the pension system which currently discriminates against persons, mainly women, that took time out of the workforce prior to 1994 to care for children or elderly relatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39811/17]

*727. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to reinstate the State transition pension in order to prevent persons forced to retire at 65 years of age having to apply for jobseeker's for one year until they reach the State pensionable age of 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39812/17]

*728. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been requested to reimburse her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39831/17]

*729. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the situation regarding level 9 masters conversion courses (details supplied) in third level education; if a person can receive the back to education allowance while participating on these courses which are not masters programmes and are stand alone courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39877/17]

*730. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons currently in employment in the manufacturing and service sectors; the extent to which these figures have fluctuated in the past six years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39878/17]

*731. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of recipients of carer's allowance; the extent to which this figure has fluctuated in the past six years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39879/17]

*732. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants for means tested social welfare payments in the past two years; the number granted, refused or pending; the degree to which these figures compare with the figures over the course of the past six years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39880/17]

*733. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons whose rent support has been reduced in the past two years; the extent, if known, to which the persons subsequently became homeless; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39882/17]

*734. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she remains satisfied that the rent support system operated by her department is adequate and sensitive to the needs of persons that find themselves under pressure from increased rent; if provisions in respect of the rent pressure zones have been sufficient to meet the demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39883/17]

*735. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of rent support; the cost on an annual basis; the extent to which new build local

authority housing can address the housing need directly and in preference to rent support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39884/17]

*736. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the issues in the context of State pension provisions and the requirements of women that find themselves with insufficient contributions to qualify due to taking time off from the workforce while rearing their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39885/17]

*737. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position with regard to youth and the long term unemployed; the progress made in addressing these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39886/17]

*738. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for disability allowance and invalidity pension made in each of the past four years; the number granted, refused or pending; the number referred to appeal; the number of cases in which the original decision was overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39887/17]

*739. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the action taken to reduce the delays in processing social welfare appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39888/17]

*740. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which the age profile of those on the live register has been recorded, categorised and listed for specific alleviation measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39889/17]

*741. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which the previously self employed and current unemployed are able to access the relevant welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39890/17]

*742. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps available to her to address issues of one parent families that have experienced a reduction in their income from the one parent family allowance notwithstanding the various alternatives on offer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39891/17]

*743. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the calculation basis for the contributory old age pension in view of the impact the averaging system is having on many women in particular that for different reasons took breaks from work and are now receiving lower pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39895/17]

*744. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide the insurance contribution record of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [39896/17]

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

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the persons entitled to vote in referendums and Presidential elections here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39292/17]

*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the elections in Ireland an Irish citizen is entitled to vote in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39296/17]

*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if conditions are in place for low nitrate rate, low risk farmers (details supplied); the details of those farmers exempt from this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39317/17]

*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the same rules are applicable in circumstances in which farmers have drains running into rivers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39318/17]

*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for limiting the terms of the mortgage to rent scheme to only those persons that qualify for social housing; his plans to extend the scheme in order that persons with distressed mortgages may qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39749/17]

*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to address the lack of affordable and secure rental accommodation available to a significant share of the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39050/17]

*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider making funding available for the taking in charge of estates other than ghost estates in circumstances in which the builder has gone bankrupt with no bond in place; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that local authorities are slow to take estates in charge in circumstances in which no bond is in place and works have been left undone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39136/17]

*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing estates in each county that have not been taken in charge by local authorities for which no bond was in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39137/17]

*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of checks carried out by his department on HAP properties; the time between approval to join the scheme and the first inspection; the position in the event that an inspection results in a fail; the number of properties and or landlords that have been removed from HAP having failed an inspection; the obligations of landlords of failed properties to the sitting tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39187/17]

*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the allocation Tipperary county council received for the housing adaptation grant for persons with a disability, home owner, local authority tenant, housing aid for older people and mobility aids grant in 2017; the percentage of this allocation compared to 2016; the percentage of that allocation that has been received by Tipperary county council for each grant category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39199/17]

*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the supports that are being provided to local authorities to find replacement housing for tenants under the rental accommodation scheme in circumstances in which landlords withdraw from the scheme due to limits of the rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39200/17]

*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the powers available to local authorities to continue to support housing under the rental accommodation scheme in rent reviews within rent pressure zones which result in significant differences with open market rent prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39201/17]

*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of an application for funding for the upgrade and realignment of the Ardmore road to accelerate housing provision at Ardmore, Mullingar, County Westmeath submitted by Westmeath county council under the local infrastructure housing activation fund in November 2016; and if this application will be responded to in a timely manner to enable Westmeath county council install this infrastructure and help address housing supply issues. — Robert Troy. [39203/17]

*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position that would arise if a local authority were not to notify his department by the designated date of its decision in relation to the local property tax for the following year; the process that would be followed by his department in such a circumstance in order to notify the Revenue Commissioners of the LPT from that local authority for the following year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [39237/17]

*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Central Mental Hospital site is one of the circa 800 publicly owned sites that are to be made available for the construction of housing as reported in the media (details supplied) earlier in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39275/17]

*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of persons currently on secondment from a local authority to his department; the length of the secondment in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39281/17]

*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social houses built by local authorities in each of the years since 2000, in tabular form; the number of units received by each local authority by way of Part V; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39282/17]

*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the data which was used in arriving at the baseline for LPT in 2014; when the 2014 baseline was amended in 2017; the way in which the changes were calculated; the further calculation being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39320/17]

*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of cases undertaken by the RTB in each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016; the number of those cases resolved by mediation; the number resolved by tribunals; the number of enforcement actions; the number of cases which were referred to the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39362/17]

*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the specific allocation of funding which is allocated specifically for homelessness services by local authority; the amount self funded by each local authority; the personnel dedicated to homelessness services by local authority; the changes which have occurred in each year since 2014; the councils which are grouped in regional bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39367/17]

*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff directly employed by the RTB; the way in which this compares to each of the years 2014 to 2016; the additional functions which have been added; the resources which were provided with additional functions; the additional resources the RTB sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39373/17]

*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in the south Dublin county area by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39386/17]

*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in the Dublin city council area by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39388/17]

*768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in the Fingal county council area by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39387/17]

*769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown county council area by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39389/17]

*770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in County Wicklow by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39383/17]

*771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in County Meath by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39390/17]

*772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social homes that will be completed and ready to be occupied in County Kildare by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39382/17]

*773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant properties offered by the Housing Agency to the local authorities for purchase, by local authority; the number purchased by each local authority; the number rejected by each local authority; the number under consideration by each local authority; and the reason these properties have been refused, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39400/17]

*774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 8,657 Dublin city council homes are awaiting insulation as part of the phase 2 of the insulation programme (details supplied); when it will be confirmed that this funding is

available to Dublin city council; and if it is not available in 2017, if he will include it in his budget for 2018. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39401/17]

*775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will introduce an affordable housing model which will ensure Dublin city council will be in a position to proceed with the construction of affordable homes on agreed sites in Dublin city. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39402/17]

*776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress which has been made with the introduction of an affordable or cost rental model of housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39403/17]

*777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a group was established to explore the introduction of an affordable or cost rental model of housing; and if so, if the group has met and made progress on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39404/17]

*778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of vacant houses offered to the Housing Agency and or his department to purchase; and the number of those houses offered by bank. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39409/17]

*779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of RAS tenancies in each local authority area, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39410/17]

*780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress in the Rebuilding Ireland target of rolling or choice based letting (CBL) in each local authority area; the local authorities that are using CBL; the local authorities that are in the process of installing the system and training staff in its use; and the timeframe for the completion of this work. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39411/17]

*781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 613 of 27 June 2017, if he has received legal advice in relation to the publication of the final report of the review into allegations of planning irregularities in County Donegal; if he is now in a position to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39449/17]

*782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has received a briefing document or proposal from Irish Water for a single public utility or single organisational model; the structures that are proposed; and if he has authorised same. — Joan Collins. [39524/17]

*783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount which has been paid to a company (details supplied) for staff in each of the years 2014 to 2016. — Joan Collins. [39525/17]

*784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount which has been paid to local authority staff in each of the years 2014 to 2016. — Joan Collins. [39526/17]

*785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount which has been paid to consultants since Irish Water was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [39527/17]

*786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount which has been paid to Irish Water staff in bonus payments in each of the past three years. — Joan Collins. [39528/17]

*787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of rent Irish Water paid for its offices in each of the past three years. — Joan Collins. [39529/17]

*788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the operational expenditure and capital expenditure costs to councils in the past three years. — Joan Collins. [39530/17]

*789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of staff in the Irish Water Cork call centre; the number of staff in Irish Water and the local authorities both temporary and permanent for the past three years. — Joan Collins. [39539/17]

*790. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the length of time the position of Galway county manager has been vacant; the reason the position has not been filled; when it is expected that the position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39541/17]

*791. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the detail of current vacancies including grade and area in Galway county council; the length of time of each vacancy; the reason for the vacancies; when it is expected the positions will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39542/17]

*792. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of appeals under the exceptional circumstances clause that have been granted by the Pyrite Remediation Board since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39556/17]

*793. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the maximum amount a person in receipt of HAP is allowed to contribute towards rent; if this is stated in the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39573/17]

*794. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a person must pay their water bill in order to purchase a local authority house through the incremental purchase scheme, in view of the fact that refunds are now being issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39580/17]

*795. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of shared ownership loans and first time buyers loans in each local authority issued since these schemes came into existence, in tabular form; the number of each category currently in mortgage arrears of less than and more than 90 days; the number of properties repossessed as a result of mortgage arrears; the number of properties that were voluntarily sold; the value of these mortgages; and the value of the arrears on these mortgages. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39672/17]

*796. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which persons will be able to view documents, drawings, maps and submissions on planning applications for 100 units or more that will be considered by An Bord Pleanála under the strategic housing development planning applications either by hard copy and or online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39713/17]

*797. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the policy in relation to private tenants in situ in apartments that have been bought by a voluntary housing body when those tenants are entitled to HAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39728/17]

*798. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the rights of a private tenant that is eligible for housing and HAP and that lives in a property that has been bought by a voluntary housing body but is not paying differential rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39729/17]

*799. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the proposed figures for investment in repairing and upgrading the water infrastructure over the coming three years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39783/17]

*800. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated cost in 2018 to reduce leakages in water infrastructure from current levels to 25%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39784/17]

*801. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the proposed changes to the mortgage to rent scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [39796/17]

*802. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding which will be given to local authorities in 2018 in lieu of the loss of commercial rates from Irish Water properties; and the funding given in 2016. — Pearse Doherty. [39840/17]

*803. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of a project (details supplied); when this project will proceed to the next stage; the timeframe for the project to reach tender and construction stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39899/17]

*804. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to local authorities for taking in charge housing estates in 2016 and 2017; if funds are expected to be available under this heading in 2018; the funding provided in 2016 and 2017 by local authority; the number of housing estates that are covered by this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39900/17]

*805. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the level of funding provided to local authorities for unfinished housing estates in 2016 and 2017; if funds are expected to be available under this heading in 2018; the funding provided in 2016 and 2017 by local authority; the number of housing estates that are covered by this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39901/17]

*806. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to date in 2017 to Cavan county council for the housing capital programme; the additional funding that will be made available before the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39909/17]

*807. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated to date in 2017 to Monaghan county council for the housing capital programme; the additional

funding that will be made available before the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39910/17]

*808. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the review of income eligibility limits for social housing has commenced; the date for completion of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39911/17]

*809. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when an amended mortgage to rent scheme will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39912/17]

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

*810. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that dangerous chemicals such as ardrex 666 were disposed of for the Air Corps by a company that collected and disposed of all such highly toxic, corrosive and carcinogenic chemicals; and if the amount of chemicals purchased corresponds with the amount sent for safe disposal by the company engaged by the Air Corps to carry out such work in the past twenty years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39259/17]

*811. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that dangerous chemicals were over the years in a systematic fashion leached into the soil on lands at Casement aerodrome, Baldonnel; if soil and/or ground water samples have been taken on the 600 acre site at Baldonnel during the past 20 years; if so, the results of those tests; the action taken to prevent this practice; if decontamination of the soil occurred; and if such practice has now ended. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39260/17]

*812. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the LÉ Samuel Beckett has embarked on a trip to London to attend an arms fair (details supplied); if so, the purpose of this trip; the body funding it; the name of the person that proposed and approved the Naval Service's attendance at this event; his views on whether it is appropriate that a navy ship from a neutral country attend an international arms fair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39322/17]

*813. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel and department staff that are attending the defence and security equipment conference in London; the cost of attending this event for members of the Defence Forces and department staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39334/17]

*814. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Naval Service ships are present at the defence and security equipment conference in London; if so, the cost of the attendance; the duties which have not been carried out while the ship has been present in London; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39335/17]

*815. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the purpose for which the Naval Service vessel, the LÉ Samuel Beckett is attending an international arms fair in London; the other members of the Defence Forces attending this arms fair; if the exchequer is funding this excursion; if so, the cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39434/17]

*816. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the date on which commemorative medals will be issued to the surviving veterans of the siege of Jadotville and family members of those since

deceased; if he will liaise with the organisers of the annual Jadotville day commemoration that will take place in Athlone, County Westmeath on 21 October 2017 to try and ensure that the medals are presented on that day of celebration to minimise the travel and inconvenience to the elderly veterans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39680/17]

*817. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the State Claims Agency has been tasked with taking health and safety risk assessments at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell; the date on which these assessments commenced; if they are still ongoing; the findings of these health and risk assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39834/17]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 21 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 2017
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has received reports from the embassy and the consulate in Barcelona in relation to the upcoming referendum on Catalan independence; if he has raised this issue with the Spanish authorities or at a European Union level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39779/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he plans to visit countries in receipt of Irish development aid. — Brendan Howlin. [31437/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the need for the British government to release the papers and files pertaining to the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of May 1974 as requested in Dáil Éireann motions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39853/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to raise with the British Foreign Secretary the need for the British government to release the papers and files pertaining to the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of May 1974 as requested in Dáil Éireann motions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39854/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he has taken and contact he has had with the Israeli ambassador in relation to the organised and pre-prepared deportation of four persons (details supplied) from Israel on 9 September 2017. — Clare Daly. [39694/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the report on human rights and business will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39824/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on representations that he has made to secure the release of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a verdict in their trial in Egypt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39778/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to address situation of the undocumented Irish in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39705/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he will take to maintain and enhance British Irish relations, in view of Brexit and the consequences it will have on the relationship between the two countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39848/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has been in contact with President al-Sisi with regard to the continued detainment of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39874/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will condemn the violence and ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya in Myanmar; the action he plans to take to hold the government of Myanmar to account and stop this humanitarian crisis; and his views on a call for the Freedom of Dublin city to be stripped from Aung San Suu Kyi. — Joan Collins. [39696/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the recent human rights violations of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar; and if Ireland will condemn these actions. — Thomas Byrne. [39832/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made at international and EU level to end the violence in Rakhine state, Myanmar; the efforts made to protect the Rohingya people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39702/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he is taking to ensure that after Brexit, Irish citizens do not lose the right to have family members of non Irish origin living with them in Northern Ireland and in the rest of the UK. — Catherine Martin. [31464/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to a number of recent judicial rulings in Belfast High Court that have highlighted the disclosure and non-disclosure processes on legacy issues operated by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI); if his attention has further been drawn to the fact that these include cases involving Irish citizens and attacks here; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the judgments illustrate the level of frustration evident within the judiciary that have been wrestling with these issues for two decades; his views on their concerns and the deep frustrations of the families of victims; if he has raised the issue with his British counterpart; and the steps he is taking to ensure that the British government fully implement the Stormont House Agreement mechanisms. — Seán Crowe. [39767/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has been in contact with his counterparts across Europe to condemn the treatment of the Rohingya people in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39875/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has contacted Ms Aung San Suu Kyi and the government of Myanmar to protest at the treatment of the Rohingya people of Myanmar; if he will request an immediate cessation of the attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39699/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the specific steps he is taking with the EU, the UK government, the National Assembly for Wales and the French government to minimise

the economic impact of Brexit on County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39773/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on conditions experienced by refugees in Libya; the steps being made by the EU to ensure that their cooperation with Libyan authorities does not infringe on the human rights of refugees and those seeking asylum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39704/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the violence that is being inflicted on the Rohingya minority in Myanmar; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the UN and NGOs have documented massive human rights abuses and that the violence is likely to constitute ethnic cleansing; if he will speak out against this ethnic cleansing; and if Ireland is providing assistance to Rohingya refugees that have fled over the border to Bangladesh. — Seán Crowe. [39766/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans in place to tackle the challenges many economic sectors and regions face in relation to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39769/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has raised concerns over the ongoing bombing campaign in Yemen with his counterpart in Saudi Arabia; his views on whether Ireland's growing trade relations with Saudi Arabia could be interpreted as tacit support of the Saudi led war, in view of Ireland's stated policy of neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [39698/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of his negotiations particularly those relating to the border region of Cavan and Monaghan in view of Brexit and the possible reintroduction of a hard border. — Niamh Smyth. [39770/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he continues to emphasise the fundamental importance of the Good Friday Agreement in the context of discussions between the EU and UK in relation to Brexit with particular reference to the need to retain the status quo here with unimpeded access to traditional markets and recognition of the need to ensure that Ireland remains at the centre of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39852/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to address the issue of Irish passport holders that have been convicted of a sex crime travelling to countries in which child prostitution and sex tourism is widespread; and if he will consult with the Minister for Justice and Equality on the way in which actions such as passport limitations might be taken. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39822/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to provide funding for UNFPA supplies in budget 2018 in view of the global contraceptive funding gap and Ireland's commitment to the 2030 agenda and the sustainable development goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39823/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will condemn the human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya people of Myanmar and call on the political authorities there to take immediate steps to end the violence against the Rohingya people and provide humanitarian aid to prevent further harm. — Clare Daly. [39695/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made by the government to secure the release of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39703/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the disqualification of four elected representatives from the Legislative Council in Hong Kong (details supplied); if he has made representations to the Chinese authorities regarding the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39780/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on proposals or discussions on EU Treaty change he has had. — Brendan Howlin. [29972/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the contact he has had with the Chinese government since assuming office. — Eamon Ryan. [30168/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has read the recent report by an organisation (details supplied) on the current situation in Yemen; if he will propose that the UN Human Rights Council carry out an investigation into possible war crimes on the part of Saudi Arabia in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [39697/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the consideration that has been given at government and EU level to the creation of a special economic zone in Northern Ireland and the border counties in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39892/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to recent publications by an organisation (details supplied) documenting significant human rights violations in detention centres in Libya; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that these reports detail that European governments are complicit in torture and that the EU's policy of ring fencing migrants in Libya must come to an end; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the organisation's resident has said that EU states are knowingly handing persons over to criminals; and if he will speak out against the EU's policy of sending persons back into the hands of armed militia groups in Libya. — Seán Crowe. [39765/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the comments made by Michel Barnier that the border cannot be used as a test case for an EU UK border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39849/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he directly or together with the EU and or the UN has sought to positively influence the situation in Myanmar with particular reference to the immediate cessation of violence and or ethnic cleansing; if the UN has been requested to intervene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39851/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the plight of the Rohingya people in Myanmar; and his further views on the way Ireland can assist in addressing the inhumane treatment of the Rohingya. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39821/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on the ongoing outstanding requests with the British government regarding inquiries into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39771/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress that is being made regarding border solutions and Brexit; if specific provisions will be made for Brexit related issues in his department's budget for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39700/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will raise at EU level the fact that Israel is denying the Palestinian Authority jurisdiction over Area C which under the UN and various treaties fall within the Palestinian state; and if he will report on his recent visit to the region in view of the fact that the World Bank has estimated that Area C, West Bank is the key to future Palestinian economic development. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39825/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which he expects the Good Friday Agreement will be protected as a result of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39768/17]