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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 will expand on the announcement made by the Taoiseach regarding the government's plans to double Ireland's global footprint by 2025; the implications for his department and preparations made for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39915/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Article 50 negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39914/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if contingency plans are in place across all government departments for a no deal or disorderly exit scenario following Brexit negotiations and following the publication of the National Risk Assessment 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39917/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on whether stronger measures should be taken against the Myanmar government in view of the violence and discrimination carried out against the Rohingya people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39963/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the use of detention centres in Libya to address the migrant issue. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [40014/17]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

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

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

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which companies here suffering from fallout from Brexit are likely to have their case considered and examined in the short term with a view to development of a strategy in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40078/17]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which her department has redoubled its efforts to establish new markets inside and outside the European Union for Irish products in order to compensate for the consequences of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40091/17]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which new trading links for Ireland continue to be established globally; the extent to which it is expected that Ireland can benefit from such developments in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40093/17]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of enterprise start ups by sector in each of the years 2006 to 2016, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [40118/17]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the recruitment of a digital forensics specialist within the ODCE. — Niall Collins. [40120/17]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the ratification process for ratifying CETA; and the timeframe for the trade agreement be voted on by Dáil Éireann. — Niall Collins. [40122/17]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the developments at EU level on preliminary discussions for a potential trade deal with Australia and New Zealand. — Niall Collins. [40123/17]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the Workplace Relations Commission remains under the remit of her department with respect to services (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [40124/17]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the employment and industrial relations acts that her department has lead responsibility to enforce. — Niall Collins. [40125/17]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of Enterprise Ireland exporting client companies that have availed of be prepared grants to date, by county, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [40126/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the circumstance in which a person can access the fund prior to reaching 75 years of age in a scenario (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39951/17]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the universal social charge for all income earners earning under €90,000 in 2018 while maintaining it as is for all income over €90,000, that is, USC would be charged at the current rate on income over €90,000 but not on the income under €90,000. — Ruth Coppinger. [39961/17]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance her plans for persons that are granted damages against defendants that are insured by a company (details supplied) in view of the recent Supreme Court decision that they will be paid from the insurance company fund in cases in which the amount

recoverable is capped at 65%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39978/17]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of payable refundable research and development tax credits paid out by the Revenue Commissioners in each of the years 2009 to 2016 to companies that did not pay corporation tax in those years; the estimated refunds or payable amounts to be paid out in 2017; the cost of the research and development tax credit in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39981/17]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies that claimed payable refundable research and development tax credits in each years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the highest refund paid out in each year; the average value of a refund in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39982/17]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected savings in 2018 if the research and development tax credit was no longer refundable or payable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39983/17]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the outstanding liability from refundable payable research and development credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39984/17]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if the refundable element of the research and development tax credit has been assessed for compliance with EU state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39985/17]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in each year since it was introduced that have had their personal income tax bill reduced through the use of the research and development tax credit; the average amount in each year by which income tax bills were reduced; the highest amount in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39986/17]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the companies that have benefitted from payable refundable research and development tax credits in which corporation tax has not been paid in that year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39987/17]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason no supporting document in relation to qualifying research and development activity is required at the point of filing the CT1 form when claiming repayable research and development tax credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39988/17]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield in 2018 from restricting the use of losses for banks that received official bailout assistance from the State to 50%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39990/17]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the mechanism for calculating the bank levy; the way in which it is apportioned between institutions; the yield that would result in 2018 from doubling the value of the levy and individual charge that would apply to each relevant bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39991/17]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding VRT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [39998/17]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [40011/17]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the payments by the exchequer to the European Union in each of the years since 1973 and to date in 2017; the receipts by the exchequer from the European Union for each of the years in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40025/17]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimates of VAT foregone in 2016 and to date in 2017 by online retailers from outside the EU that sell online through companies (details supplied); the actions taken by his department and the Revenue Commissioners to prevent this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [40071/17]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of households that have paid local property tax in 2016; the number of households that have not paid; the number of houses in each band; the local property tax rates applied in each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [40072/17]

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

*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which a company specialising in the cleaning of monuments can tender for contracts to clean OPW monuments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39924/17]

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to issue a further revised estimates volume in view of the setting up of the new Department of Rural and Community Development; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40023/17]

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

*77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will request the school buildings unit in his department to arrange to meet with representatives of a school (details supplied) in order to clarify matters that have arisen in relation to funding that has been granted to the school in March 2017 for building development at the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39941/17]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of seats allocated on a bus route (details supplied); the number of eligible seats allocated; the primary school or schools from which the eligible candidates were awarded seats; the number of concessionary seats available on this bus route; the primary school or schools to which the concessionary seats were awarded; the process used to determine the awarding of seats; if he will provide the audited records of the confirmation of distance measured in determining allocation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [39947/17]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which school transport bus routes are measured; the auditing process for measuring distance; the frequency with which they are reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [39948/17]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the participation of a parent in schemes such as turas nua is not considered as an eligible payment towards a dependant's special rate of maintenance grant application when applying for this grant. — Kathleen Funchion. [39949/17]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made on an application for school transport under the provisions for children with special needs, disability and health conditions submitted to his department in relation to a person (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40017/17]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) is included in eligibility for higher education grants as affecting the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40060/17]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to a primary school (details supplied) in County Louth in which children attending the school have been withdrawn by their parents due to concerns that have been publicly expressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40068/17]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will qualify under exceptional circumstances for a student grant in view of the fact that they have supplied SUSI with supporting medical evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40074/17]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure on apprenticeship training in 2016; the allocation for 2017; the male and female apprentices in training by each employment sector and sub sector in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [40117/17]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process for applying to increase the number of State funded apprenticeship places in an existing sector or to facilitate places in a new sector to deal with skills shortages in certain areas. — Niall Collins. [40119/17]

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

*87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the trading scenario that exists with respect to the EU's green line regulation in Cyprus and the free movement of persons, goods and services across the line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [40121/17]

*88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps he has taken to address the domestic response to Brexit; his views on whether the response has been adequate to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [39850/17]

*89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his understanding of an invisible border with Northern Ireland. — Brendan Howlin. [32104/17]

*90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the meetings and interactions he has had with his EU colleagues in relation to the distinct issues facing Ireland as a consequence of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39701/17]

*91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the budget assigned to the recently appointed government envoy to the United States Congress; if the budget has come out of existing

resources; if his department has received additional funding due to the creation of this role; the number of staff appointed to assist the envoy in their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39964/17]

*92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the meetings held by the recently appointed government envoy to the United States Congress; the dates and location of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39965/17]

*93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the international community effort has been adequately coordinated in the aftermath of emergencies globally such as the Horn of Africa affected by starvation, famine and war; the extent to which the efforts there are hampered by competing demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40075/17]

*94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the implications for Ireland arising from Brexit continue to be in the forefront of discussions with EU partners and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40076/17]

*95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which it is planned to ensure that Ireland's position as a member of the EU is not in any way diminished in the course of Brexit related discussions or any EU generated review of taxation or other structural reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40079/17]

*96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which Irish aid continues to deliver its services directly to those for whom aid is planned throughout the globe; if donor states remain satisfied in this regard; if breaches have been reported in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40080/17]

*97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he remains satisfied that ongoing discussions in related to Brexit continue to have full regard for Ireland's unique position within the EU and adjoining a neighbouring part of the island of Ireland which is about to leave the European Union; if it continues to be recognised that the Good Friday Agreement remains a commitment by the EU, the Irish and British governments, the people of Northern Ireland and the international nature of the agreement involving the US and the aforementioned countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40081/17]

*98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the EU continues to monitor and encourage the positive and democratic process in the western Balkans; the degree to which each country there complies with the *acquis communautaire* in line with EU requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40082/17]

*99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the European Union continues to interact with Ukraine in a supportive manner with particular reference to the protection and continuation of the democratic process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40083/17]

*100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the European Union continues to support the democratic process in Armenia and other states in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40084/17]

*101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position with regard to the release of women and girls captured by the Boko Haram or Al Shabab in their respective regions; the number of women and girls still not released; if sufficient measures are being taken to prevent reoccurrences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40085/17]

*102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which child soldiers continue to be used in various war situations throughout Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40086/17]

*103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps taken by the EU and UN to address the issue of alleged ethnic cleansing in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40087/17]

*104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which the international community continues to assist in the development of democracy in Syria and Iraq following the ongoing wars there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40088/17]

*105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the degree to which he continues to monitor the situation of a person's (details supplied) detention in Egypt; and when their repatriation will be expected. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40089/17]

*106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to identify with and support the needs of undocumented Irish in the US; the extent to which ongoing negotiations continue to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40090/17]

*107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which he in conjunction with his EU colleagues can continue to combat the rise of ISIS in the Middle East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40092/17]

*108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will consider withholding development aid from the Myanmar government in view of the situation in Rakhine province and instead diverting the aid to funding displaced person's camps in Bangladesh that are processing Rohingya refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40100/17]

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

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda stations in counties Cavan and Monaghan that do not have the PULSE system in place; the locations of these stations; his plans to install these systems; the timeframe for installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39939/17]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding plans to amend the law in order that persons cannot be obliged to retire at 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39944/17]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application pursuant to section 3(6) of the Immigration Act 1999 in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39968/17]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39973/17]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the correct procedure to be followed to facilitate travel outside Ireland at the end of October 2017 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39976/17]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce new legislation restructuring policing services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39992/17]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is considering legislation on the lines of the Police (Northern Ireland) Acts 2000 and 2003 passed by the UK parliament in relation to the restructuring of policing services here. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39993/17]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 28 of 12 July 2017, the status of the promised liaison between his department, An Garda Síochána and other relevant stakeholders to address the issue of nuisance quad and scrambler use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40002/17]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 175 of 21 June 2017, if consideration is being given to a constitutional amendment in relation to ground rents; if plans are under consideration to amend the existing statutory framework regarding ground rents; if the operation of existing ground rents legislation is being reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40015/17]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of claims both initiating of proceedings and intimidating of proceedings that have been made against the Garda Commissioner since August 2014 from members of the force both gardaí and civilian for work related stress. — Clare Daly. [40048/17]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of members of An Garda Síochána, both gardaí and civilians, that are presently on leave and or absent from work due to sickness following their efforts to whistleblow since August 2014. — Clare Daly. [40049/17]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the outstanding information requested to facilitate regularisation of residency status in the case of persons (details supplied); if alternative provisions can be made in these circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40050/17]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the developments to date with regard to a residency application in the case of a person (details supplied); the precise information outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40051/17]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to regularise a residency application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40053/17]

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can be considered for Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40055/17]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current or possible residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40058/17]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when it is expected that a full review of the family reunification application will occur in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40062/17]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 641 of 11 September 2017, the rank of each of the gardaí disciplined in each of the years. — Clare Daly. [40067/17]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the ratification of the UNCRPD; the obstacles that are preventing the implementation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40098/17]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount of capital expenditure carried over from 2016 to 2017; the amount of this spent to date by subheading; if she has satisfied herself that all of this money will be spent by the end of 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40018/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be assessed by an orthodontist in HSE Cork south Lee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39918/17]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39919/17]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health if his department has received an application for funding in relation to a case (details supplied) in County Mayo; if his attention has been drawn to the urgency of this case; and when a decision will be made on same. — Dara Calleary. [39920/17]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have an operation carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39925/17]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to increase capacity of the health service's treatment of strokes in view of the projected increase in incidents of strokes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39929/17]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to implement a manifesto (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [39930/17]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the review of the mobility grant and motorised transport grant; when he expects details of an updated scheme to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39931/17]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health the funding which is potentially available to a centre (details supplied) to replace the bus it uses to transport 90 persons that use the service in view of the fact that the current bus it is using is inappropriate and no longer fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39935/17]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the National Rare Disease Plan for Ireland 2014-2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39936/17]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the PKU products from a company (details supplied) available on the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39937/17]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health if the venesection and phlebotomy therapy is a free treatment in St James's hospital, Dublin for haemochromatosis patients that do not qualify for a medical card; if so, the reason it is not a free treatment in all hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39938/17]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied) and ensure that the HSE supply sufficient funding in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39940/17]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for cataract surgery can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39942/17]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39945/17]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39946/17]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health if he has given consideration to using the old accident and emergency department at university hospital Limerick in order to alleviate the overcrowding situation in the new emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39954/17]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the full capacity protocol was initiated at university hospital Limerick to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39955/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug pregabalin is prescribed under the GMS; if so, his views on its misuse; and if his attention has been drawn to adverse outcomes for persons that use it. — Sean Sherlock. [39956/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable or fair that persons suffering from haemochromatosis are being charged €80 per visit for treatment when these persons need to attend regularly for treatment and that this represents an intolerable financial burden on

persons that must have this treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39966/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be extra positions allocated in areas (details supplied); if so, the timeframe for same; the number of positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [39972/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make medicinal cannabis available without first passing legislation to do so; if medicinal cannabis can, under current legislation, be prescribed via the compassionate access for medicines programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [39974/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of the drug respreeza / zemaira; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39975/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39977/17]

*152. 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. [39979/17]

*153. 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. [39980/17]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39995/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the ambulance services in a region (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39996/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health when additional funding will be made available to occupational therapy services in counties Westmeath and Longford in order to reduce the current eight month waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [40010/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40016/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health if persons in County Louth can access versatis lidocaine 5% medicated plaster under GMS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [40027/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has implemented changes to the reimbursement of versatis lidocaine 5% medicated plaster; the date on which these changes commenced; and the way in which this now affects persons that previously had access to this drug via GMS services. — Gerry Adams. [40028/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for joint replacement operations in the royal college of surgeons hospital group, by individual hospital, for each of the past three years; the number of such replacement joint operations carried out in the hospitals; the location in which they were carried out for the same period; if persons were sent to other hospitals outside this region during this period; if so, the locations to which they were sent to; the cost of these operations; if a

cap of 440 joint replacement operations per annum has been introduced; if so, the reason therefor; the date that it was introduced; if a report in the media (details supplied) on 18 September 2017 that one hospital in the region has the capacity to do well in excess of 700 per annum is correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40029/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health when a full time nurse will be available in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40041/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a cataract operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40042/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who has been assessed and who is deemed eligible to have non elective surgery in particular a right hip replacement, can have same expedited without further delay in view of the fact all the necessary assessments have now been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [40095/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for general practitioners referrals to each of the breast health clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40096/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11 will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40097/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to reduce the waiting lists for eye procedures; and if he will implement reforms that would see community and hospital based services working more closely together to improve service delivery. — Róisín Shortall. [40099/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the status of home help hours for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40102/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to survey individual nursing homes on the amount they are charging in additional fees to residents under the nursing home support scheme and the services they are delivering for these levies. — Billy Kelleher. [40112/17]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to regulate the charging of additional fees to residents under the nursing home support scheme. — Billy Kelleher. [40113/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in July 2017; the number of such ambulances that waited more than 20, 40, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes respectively to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [40114/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the savings made by cutting payments to section 39 organisations since 2007; the date on which the cuts were imposed; the cost of restoring payments to section 39 organisations to pre-2007 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40115/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of a new motorised scooter can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40116/17]

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

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that is in receipt of the recent report published regarding government funding and the value of the equine industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [39999/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if lands belonging to a person (details supplied) will now be included in the ANC scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [40101/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent under the rural development programme in each of the years 2010 to 2016 in relation to the implementation of EU Habitats and Birds Directives, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [40103/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the beef forum is due to meet next; and the number of meetings the forum has held to date since it was established. — Charlie McConalogue. [40104/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the dairy forum is due to meet next; and the number of meetings it has held to date since it was established. — Charlie McConalogue. [40105/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has given consideration to including farmers representation on the Agriculture Appeals Act review committee. — Charlie McConalogue. [40106/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the reauthorisation of glyphosate at EU level; and if a position paper been submitted by his department on the issue to the EU Commission in this regard. — Charlie McConalogue. [40108/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to appoint agricultural officers to monitor carcase trim classification and weights at meat plants on a daily basis in view of the commitment made regarding same. — Charlie McConalogue. [40109/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has had discussions with his ministerial colleagues at EU level on the New Zealand lamb quota with the EU in the context of Brexit; if the tariff rate quote will be amended in view of the fact that the UK takes up a large share of this EU wide rate; and his plans to ensure that sheep farmers will not be disadvantaged. — Charlie McConalogue. [40110/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the use of the EU CAP crisis reserve will result in a reduction of the funding of the basic payment. — Charlie McConalogue. [40111/17]

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

*183. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his department plans to invest in the post office network to secure local access to services in both urban and rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39926/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will liaise with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection to prevent the promotion of commercial banks by his department to the detriment of the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39927/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he plans to authorise the implementation of the government services identified in a report (details supplied) through the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39928/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the rollout of fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39934/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the design of a REFIT scheme for the solar energy sector; if he has given consideration to such a scheme; if he has met with those that wish to benefit from such a scheme; if so, the persons or groups he has met with; and the date he has met these groups during his tenure as minister. — Sean Sherlock. [39957/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding fibre broadband in an area (details supplied) in which a company has a unit installed in the area to facilitate the provision of broadband for 12 months; the reason the service remains unconnected; when the service will be connected; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are losing out on employment opportunities in rural areas based on the provision of having a fixed line internet connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39970/17]

*189. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an bhfuil iarratas déanta ag TG4 ar mhéadú ar an maoiniú a fhaigheann siad ón roinn don bhliain 2018; má tá, cad é an méid airgid atá iarrtha agus cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar an iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40006/17]

*190. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil cén sciar den cheadúnas teilifíse a thugtar do RTÉ, do TG4 agus don Chiste Craolacháin faoi seach; cén bunús ar a ndéantar an t-airgead sin a roinnt; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40007/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40013/17]

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

*192. 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. [39967/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will award sports capital funding to a group (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [40043/17]

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

*194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 1639 of 11 September 2017, if Tusla will attend the Workplace Relations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [40001/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of extending the ABC programme until August and December 2018 respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [40003/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost of restoring family resource centre funding to pre 2011 levels. — Anne Rabbitte. [40004/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount spent by Tusla in relation to legal costs of cases taken to challenge care orders. — Clare Daly. [40008/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will investigate with Tusla the steps that were taken in relation to a report in 2016 of mental, physical and sexual abuse by a person (details supplied) and other service users and staff in each of the years 2010 to 2012 at a charity; and if she will further investigate the claim that the further complaints of the person that complaints were not taken seriously or investigated adequately by the charity or Tusla. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40066/17]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of capital allocated to his department for 2017 at its creation; the amount of this spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40019/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure on projects under the LEADER programme in each of the years 2014 to 2020 as of 31 August 2017; the approvals for projects to the same day, by LAG; the steps being taken to expedite expenditure under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40020/17]

*201. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure that had been incurred under the LEADER programme in each of the years 2007 to 2013 and as of 31 August 2010; the value of projects that had been approved under this programme at this date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40021/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the allocation of funding for 2017 under the CLÁR scheme, the REDZ scheme and the town and village renewal scheme respectively; the amount spent under each scheme to date in 2017; the value of the approved projects on which no funding has been claimed to date, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40022/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount prepaid to local authorities at the end of 2016 for rural development purposes; the schemes under which it was allocated, by local authority; the amount of the funding which has been spent by each local authority on each scheme to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40026/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will review the SICAP funding to deal with the shortcomings in the present system regarding the way in which funds are allocated (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [40044/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the index traditionally being used to allocate SICAP funding remains weighted by the presence of local authority housing in view of the fact that since the early 1990s housing for persons in need has generally been provided through the private sector creating a deep anomaly for areas for example which have seen large population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [40045/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to increase the amount of funding available to Fingal to reflect population growth. — Clare Daly. [40046/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he has given consideration to a system whereby if the contract for delivery of SICAP funding is again assigned to the Blanchardstown area partnership, that the Fingal leader partnership would work as a subcontractor (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [40047/17]

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

*208. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will have a decision on a review of their rent allowance. — Pat Deering. [39921/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39922/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39923/17]

*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on queries raised by a person (details attached) in relation to pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39932/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the rate of PRSI for the self employed (details supplied) has changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [39952/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39953/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the living alone allowance; the number of persons in receipt of this payment, by gender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39958/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of social welfare payments in which a qualified child increase payment is also paid in respect of children

in the household; the number of children to whom this payment is paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39959/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of disability allowance, carers benefit, full rate and half rate, carers allowance, illness benefit, blind pension and invalidity pension, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39960/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review and rectify the anomaly whereby persons in receipt of one parent family payment that are in employment when their child reaches seven, that then receive family back to work dividends, are not eligible for fuel allowance in view of the fact the family dividend payment is not one of the qualifying social welfare payments for receipt of fuel allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39969/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct level of invalidity pension and or disability allowance payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39997/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a reply regarding their application for rent allowance. — Pat Deering. [40000/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost in 2018 and full year cost of increasing the qualified child payment from €29.80 by €3.20 to €33 and €5.20 to €35 and knock on effects on other payment schemes; the estimated cost for similar increases to the back to work family dividend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40030/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the living alone allowance by €5 per week from €9 to €14, by €6 per week, and by €11 per week, in 2018; the full year cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40031/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the family income supplement thresholds by €5, €10, €15 and €20 respectively in 2018; the full year cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40032/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of ending the jobpath contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40033/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the jobseeker's allowance rates for those under 26 years of age to the full adult rate in 2018; the full year cost of same; the estimated cost of increasing it to €147.80 for all those from 18 to 24 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40034/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the once off and the estimated 2018 cost of returning to the PRSI contribution schedule for qualification to the

contributory old age pension that existed pre 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40035/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost in 2018 of increasing rent supplement limits to reflect market rents; the cost of an increase that would be required to capture the 35th percentile and the 50th percentile of the market; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40036/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the back to school clothing and footwear allowance by €50 for each category for 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40037/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of expanding child benefit to parents with children that are 18 years of age or older but remain in second level education for 2018; the cost for a full year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40038/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost for 2018 of indexing all weekly payments in line with increases to HICP and CPI; the estimated cost of an across the board €5 increase by each scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [40039/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if procedures can be put in place to review a decision to refuse a disability allowance in the case of persons (details supplied); when their payment will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40052/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) whose application for jobseeker's has been refused may qualify for family income supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40054/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason jobseeker's allowance has been terminated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40056/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when her department will determine that settlement in respect of the sale of the family home due to separation is likely to be deemed dissipated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the person is likely to receive rent support until all the proceeds have been spent; if this is in accordance with the regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40057/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a long term medical payment such as a disability allowance or an invalidity pension in view of their medical history; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40059/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for welfare assistance; if the case can be urgently reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40061/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a FIS payment; if the matter can be clarified as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40064/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason disability allowance was terminated in the case of a person (details supplied); if it has been determined that they and their spouse are suffering hardship as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40065/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to solve the problems facing part time and seasonal workers in trying to access social protection payments; her further plans to deal with the constraints surrounding the requirement to make 13 work contributions within the last 78 days of an existing claim, the income level of the subsidiary income threshold which mitigate against seasonal and part time workers' rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [40070/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost in a full calendar year of a proposal (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [40127/17]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost per unit to local authorities of refurbishing and or retrofitting existing units in each of the past five years for which figures are available by county; the cost per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39943/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the annualised cost of the average monthly rent paid to landlords under the HAP scheme in each of the years since the inception of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39962/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the review of the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016 is now complete; his plans to introduce changes to the scheme; if he will review the minimum reckonable income of persons and allow long standing tenants to purchase their homes whether on social welfare or not but with proof of savings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39971/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding government plans as per the confidence and supply arrangement to introduce an affordable housing scheme; the timeframe for such plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [40005/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of cars currently taxed which were registered in each of the years since 2000 to July 2008; the number of non vintage cars registered before 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40024/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of houses his department plans to build in County Donegal in the next five year period as part of his recently announced plans and housing strategy; his overall social housing strategy for County Donegal; the

agreed targets and timelines with emphasis on the overall present housing need; the projected need for the next five year period for the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [40069/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the €160 million in European Investment Bank funding approved in June 2017 will be used to provide social and or affordable housing; the number of houses that will be built; the local authorities in which these developments will take place; the timescale involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40073/17]

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

*247. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to parliamentary question number 2104 of 11 September 2017, the date on which he expects to receive the report of the working group on IARMA. — Clare Daly. [40040/17]