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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Joan Burton. [40344/17]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit) will be meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40545/17]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met. — Michael Moynihan. [40542/17]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit); and when it last met. — Seán Haughey. [41385/17]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Gerry Adams. [41491/17]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his commitment to double the number of staff in government agencies globally by 2025. — Micheál Martin. [39662/17]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Ireland global footprint 2025 plan which intends to double the number of government agency staff worldwide by 2025. — Gerry Adams. [41493/17]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the way the government plans to double Ireland's global footprint. — Micheál Martin. [41641/17]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Justin Trudeau. — Joan Burton. [40346/17]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister. — Bríd Smith. [40414/17]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Justin Trudeau on 20 August 2017. — Gerry Adams. [41492/17]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Canada and his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [41632/17]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Canada. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41675/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Chancellor Merkel recently. — Micheál Martin. [40409/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to President Macron recently. — Seán Haughey. [40539/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Guy Verhofstadt on 21 September 2017; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [40675/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Guy Verhofstadt MEP on 21 September 2017. — Joan Burton. [40730/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Chancellor Merkel recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41674/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Guy Verhofstadt and the issues raised. — Brendan Howlin. [41718/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to other EU leaders recently on Ireland and Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [41866/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the delegation orders he has made in respect of Ministers of State assigned to his department. — Gerry Adams. [40533/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the functions that have been delegated to Ministers of State assigned to his department. — Brendan Howlin. [41720/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the President of Egypt, Mr Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on 28 August 2017. — Gerry Adams. [40534/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly formed Cabinet Committees. — Michael Moynihan. [40543/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the reorganisation of the Cabinet Committee system. — Gerry Adams. [41637/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the reform of Seanad Éireann. — Michael Moynihan. [40544/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach the number of political staff and advisors he has employed; and the role of each. — Brendan Howlin. [41631/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach the political staff and advisors employed by him in his department; and the name, title, function, salary, terms of employment and location of each. — Gerry Adams. [41636/17]

29. To ask the Taoiseach the policy areas that his appointed advisors have. — Micheál Martin. [41864/17]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his department's plans to conduct market research. — Brendan Howlin. [41633/17]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee A (Economy) last met. — Micheál Martin. [41642/17]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the programme for government commitment to increase ANC funding by €25 million in 2018; and if payments will reflect the constraint of land type. — Charlie McConalogue. [41891/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for a fodder aid package to assist farmers in difficulty in view of the heavy rain in recent weeks. — Martin Kenny. [41621/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the government formally submitted an application to the European Commission for EU state aid to help the agricultural sector and farmers following Brexit related currency changes or applied for CAP market disturbance funding following the UK referendum to leave the EU. — Charlie McConalogue. [41892/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes administered by his department over the past two years that have been affected by payment delays; the length of these delays; the number of persons affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41417/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for targeted measures that will take account of the impact of sterling currency fluctuations on farm incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41939/17]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself that current afforestation rates are sufficient in view of the requirement to significantly expand climate change mitigation measures as part of commitments under the Paris climate accords; if current rates of felling are negating the already low level of afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41676/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to undertake a full review of live exports of farm animals to EU countries and third countries (details supplied); his further plans to prohibit the transport of livestock in view of the fact that morbidity and mortality during transport can be high; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41659/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the Sea Fisheries Bill 2017 in view of the fact the voisinage arrangements between zero and six miles are part of the London Convention and will no longer apply in Northern Ireland waters once the two years UK

withdrawal notice expires in July 2019 and in view of the fact that the United Kingdom has served notice in July 2017 that it is withdrawing from the 1964 London Fisheries Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41518/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the costs incurred by his department over the past four years in the seizure of animals, specifically horses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33110/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include farmers that have lost grain crops, potato crop, second cut silage crop or had farm road networks destroyed in the County Donegal flooding on 22 August 2017 in the financial assistance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41679/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress with regard to opening and developing new markets for Irish beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41664/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process that takes place when a racing greyhound tests positive for banned substances; if he is reviewing that process in view of recent test results in the racing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41227/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the discussions he has had with the EU Agriculture Commissioner and the EU Budget Commissioner in relation to the need to protect CAP funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41645/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the information he can provide as to the accuracy of reports that the EU is preparing to offer a tariff rate quota of 85,000 tons of beef in the Mercosur trade negotiations; the maximum level of quota that he will accept in the interests of beef farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41649/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has identified new opportunities for the export of beef, dairy, lamb and pig meat; if there are particular opportunities in this regard arising from changing global trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41670/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation in the Rural Development Plan for the TAMS scheme 2014-2020; the amount of funds approved to date for projects since its inception; the payments made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41230/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a floor milk price margin or a floor ceiling milk margin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41666/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in place to support young farmers; his plans to improve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41652/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the ongoing information technology problems and delays in relation to GLAS and AEOS payments will be resolved; the

reason the information technology software is not able to recognise anomalies or changes in a person's circumstances which is adding to further delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41660/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the inter agency gorse fire group has been established; the specific objectives and term of the group; the number of times the group has met; the names and positions of each of the members; if an interim report has been published; if so, if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41671/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals he has put forward at EU level in relation to the need to protect the CAP budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41644/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure viable suckler and tillage sectors into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41658/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position the government will take in relation to suggestions that the EU Commission will offer significant tariff rate quota concessions for beef to South America in the Mercosur trade negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41648/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) in particular the recommendation that Horse Racing Ireland should have no role in the negotiation of pay, terms, conditions and representation for stable and stud staff involved in Irish horseracing. — Clare Daly. [41495/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection to introduce income averaging over three years when calculating income eligibility for farm assist. — Martin Kenny. [41624/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to combat the problems Brexit poses for the fisheries sector; the actions he has carried out to date to ensure that the fisheries negotiations and the wider trade negotiations are fully linked; if the seafood sector will not lose out in the final agreement in terms of access arrangements and the percentage share of the stocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41517/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is proposing to limit the impact of Brexit on farmers in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41662/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the progress of the knowledge transfer programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41665/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the overall cost of the fire at Cloosh Valley, County Galway; the value of the timber lost and the reconstitution costs, bogland lost and the services involved in extinguishing the fire; the number of hectares of both forestry and bogland lost; the results of investigations carried out by Coillte, his department or another body; if

he will provide a copy of the investigation reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41672/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the GLAS scheme to date; the average annual payment per participant; the total paid out to date under the GLAS scheme since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41229/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persistently infected bovines with BVD here; his plans for same; the number of herds currently restricted due to BVD; and the length of time he plans for the eradication programme to continue in view of the fact that it was initially indicated in 2013 to last for three years of tissue tagging and three years lower intensity surveillance. — Martin Kenny. [41668/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the bovine TB eradication, badger vaccine trial which was reported to have taken place in County Kilkenny; and the expected date of the publication of the report of the trial. — Martin Kenny. [41626/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the ongoing review of his department's regional veterinary laboratories including the Sligo laboratory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41663/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will revise the requirement for greyhound owners to register with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [40720/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for another phase of low cost loans for farmers in view of the success of the previous scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41616/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the government has formally submitted an application to the European Commission for EU state aid to help the agricultural sector and farmers following Brexit related currency changes; and if an application has been made for CAP funding under market disturbance provisions following the UK referendum to leave the EU. — Charlie McConalogue. [41682/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided in budget 2018 estimates for his department to enable the dredging of Howth fishery harbour in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41228/17]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to assist getting more cattle exported live especially in view of doubts regarding whether Turkish demands for weanlings will endure at the level seen in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41651/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to deal with the cases of illegal doping of dogs, particularly greyhounds; and his plans to apply transparency on doping in the greyhound industry, for example publishing the details of OOC tests and supporting unannounced visits. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41647/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers in receipt of sheep welfare scheme payments will receive their next due payments. — Martin Kenny. [41625/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide for the introduction of low cost loans for farming enterprises to fund both ongoing working capital requirements and on farm investment in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41666/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he can address the animal welfare issues apparent in the live transportation of animals, especially the export to countries that lack animal protection laws. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41646/17]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has sought or received information from an organisation (details supplied) on its work with the Workplace Relations Commission with regard to ensuring compliance with all relevant employment legislation in the horse racing industry. — Clare Daly. [41494/17]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the detail of the EU commission’s plans on 360,000 tonnes of SMP for intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41678/17]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the pieces of legislation that enforce the protection of soils, in terms of the introduction of dangerous substances on or in the soil, erosion, organic matter decline, compaction, salinisation and landslides; the programmes of measures for risk areas or national remediation strategies that ensure that contaminated sites receive remediation; if his department or another department maps risk areas for erosion, organic matter decline, compaction, salinisation and landslides and prepares an inventory of contaminated sites; his department’s working definition of the meaning, principles and priorities of soil protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41288/17]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to engage in the identification of alternative markets for Irish food and food products within the EU and elsewhere with a view to amelioration of the impact of Brexit; the extent to which he has identified the companies exporting to the UK which have suffered as a result of currency and other issues relating to Brexit; the extent to which he can identify supportive action without breaching state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41669/17]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the programme for government commitment to increase ANC funding by €25 million in 2018; and if increased payments will reflect the constraint of land type. — Charlie McConalogue. [41681/17]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the latest Mercosur talks at EU level; and the steps he is taking to protect Irish beef farmers by ensuring that beef does not form part of a final Mercosur deal. — Charlie McConalogue. [41683/17]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing mandatory drug testing for all competing greyhounds (details supplied); if he will introduce heavier penalties for those found doping, particularly in view of the fact that in 2017, six greyhounds were

found to have cocaine in their system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41289/17]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*81. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his department's role in delivering his commitments on Global Footprint 2025. — Brendan Howlin. [41634/17]

*82. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent tenders issued by his department for research. — Micheál Martin. [41253/17]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communications unit will have a whole of government approach; if this will be through press offices or political press, special or policy advisers; and if there will be a distinction between the official roles of each government department and the political staff in each department. — Micheál Martin. [41255/17]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach further to parliamentary question number 86 of 20 September 2017, the countries or governments to which he is referring to with regard to best international practice on strategic communication. — Micheál Martin. [41256/17]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach if the high level working group on the strategic communications unit has been set up; and if so, the members that are part of the group. — Micheál Martin. [41258/17]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach if the request for the strategic communications unit came from within the civil service. — Micheál Martin. [41259/17]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach if the operating principles for the strategic communications unit have been drawn up; and if he or his advisors will be consulted on same. — Micheál Martin. [41260/17]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach if the network of communications professionals will be part of the civil service or inclusive of both the civil service and political staff. — Micheál Martin. [41261/17]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the strategic communication unit will result in reduced expenditure. — Micheál Martin. [41262/17]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach if his department's web site is being updated; the cost of same; the last time it was reviewed and updated; and the cost of the same at the time. — Micheál Martin. [41263/17]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach if he has discussed the Dublin Monaghan bombings with Prime Minister May. — Micheál Martin. [41265/17]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken or written to Chancellor Merkel regarding her re-election. — Micheál Martin. [41266/17]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach further to parliamentary question number 98 of 20 September 2017, if the funding for the implementation of the Mulvey independent report on the north east inner city has reduced in 2017 relative to 2016; and if so, the reason for this. — John Lahart. [41267/17]

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

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has given consideration to setting up of a local enterprise office in Drogheda (details supplied) as part of a collective response to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41409/17]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has examined empowering the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to issue civil fines for anti competitive practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41477/17]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the search powers of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission are sufficient to investigate anti competitive practices; if the CCPC is sufficiently empowered to carry out dawn raids in circumstances in which it suspects anti competitive practices are taking place; if restrictions exist in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41478/17]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the legislative and non legislative proposals being considered by her department to strengthen the regulation of the resale of tickets for entertainment and sporting events in view of the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41574/17]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when an order to effect the terms of the Labour Court recommendation on construction workers pay as provided for in the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2015 is expected to be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41783/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to correct the anomaly that prevents persons with intellectual disabilities applying for the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41521/17]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if the earned income tax credit will be increased to the same level as the PAYE credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41822/17]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the transposition of the Insurance Distribution Directive; if it will be transposed on or before the EU deadline of 23 February 2018; if it will be delayed by up to a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41235/17]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider in his pre budget deliberations with regard to the USC, the correction of the anomaly that sees pre 95 public sector pensioners pay the

universal social charge on all their income while all other recipients of the State pension are exempt from USC on that portion of their income resulting in the pre 95 pensioners being worse off than other pensioners that receive the State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41269/17]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the detail of the Central Bank inquiry into a building society (details supplied) currently underway; the work that has been done to date; the costs incurred to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41281/17]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a query raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in County Cork regarding the help to buy scheme. — Michael McGrath. [41315/17]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress in discussions with the Brazilian authorities to remove the State from a blacklist for tax havens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [41349/17]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the items listed in the legislative programme for his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41413/17]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the fees paid by banks in which he holds shares to solicitors and barristers with regard to mortgage arrears cases by legal professional; the fees paid to them in each year since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41420/17]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reduce the eligibility time for the cycle to work scheme from five years to three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41496/17]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the difference between the price of diesel and petrol for private motor cars in view of the implications on air pollution and carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41497/17]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners are refusing to register used and already registered vehicles as N1 vehicles with two or more rows of seats, having been previously converted from an M1 category vehicle in circumstances in which the applicant has submitted all necessary documentation relating to the conversion as listed on the Revenue Commissioner's website and which has been signed by a test centre authorised by the National Standards Authority of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [41507/17]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the sum advanced to developers by NAMA in loans; the percentage of this sum currently repaid; the quantum of loans in arrears; and the percentage of loans in arrears. — Barry Cowen. [41516/17]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress that has been made in implementing the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach report on the Rising Costs of Car insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41522/17]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent speech by the French President (details supplied) in which he called for access to structural funds to be linked with cooperation with a European corporation tax policy by 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41562/17]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary medical certificate applications received by the disabled drivers medical board of appeal from persons in County Donegal that were granted and refused on appeal in each of the past five years to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41568/17]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is examining the possibility of introducing an excise duty rebate of 50% on legally made poitín in the coming budget in order to stimulate this indigenous industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41593/17]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to bring forward the National Claims Information Database Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41612/17]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are tax exemptions available to international artists that perform here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41686/17]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if an issue relating to a PPS number for a person (details supplied) has been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41754/17]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to claim relief on the MED 2 form for dental treatment (details supplied). — Michael Lowry. [41765/17]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance when the State is required to achieve its medium term budgetary objective of a structural deficit of not greater than 0.5% under the domestic and EU fiscal rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41786/17]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost for the provision of a defibrillator in each public building owned by his department and agency under the aegis of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41927/17]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the fiscal space that would be available in each of the years 2018 to 2021 over and above the level in the summer economic statement if 2015 potential growth was assumed to be 4.8% or 6.6% rather than 4.3%. — Róisín Shortall. [41931/17]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce the rate of inheritance tax in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41934/17]

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

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works rents car parking spaces to other organisations at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7; if so, the number of spaces rented; the date this first commenced; the annual income obtained from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41773/17]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the mileage rate that is payable for 100% electric vehicles; if this rate is consistent with climate action goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41777/17]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on adopting gender budgeting for the departmental budget process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41819/17]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the construction of a suitable building in Turoe, Bullaun, Loughrea, County Galway for the protection and display of the Turoe stone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [41299/17]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be provided to the OPW to complete renovation works to the cactus house and the giant waterlily house in the National Botanic Gardens; if funding will be provided for more botanical science staff in the gardens in view of the fact that it has two members of staff which is a low figure compared to other botanical gardens here and in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [41348/17]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reverse the decision to close off large areas of the local Oldbridge House grounds in Drogheda, County Meath for the purpose of grazing sheep (details supplied); if the decision was a financial one; if so, the income it will provide; if this income can be found elsewhere in order to reverse the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41390/17]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the items listed in the legislative programme for his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41414/17]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding invested in a heritage centre (details supplied); the reason the centre was closed in 2016 although still marketed as being open; his plans to provide the funding required to re-open the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41569/17]

*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected additional fiscal space for budget 2018 from savings on the live register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41580/17]

*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected savings he has identified for budget 2018 from hidden fiscal space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41581/17]

*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will respond to a person (details supplied); if this event can take place in County Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41687/17]

*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the river C1-37-10 in County Westmeath could be lowered by the OPW; if the OPW will liaise with a person (details supplied) on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41831/17]

*136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the requirements his department has placed on the Department of Health or the Health Service Executive to either notify it or seek its approval for expenditure on a new medicine or medicines; the date from which it has applied; the instances of such requirement being met; the criteria applied by his department in responding to the Department of Health and or the Health Service Executive; and the policy justification for maintaining such requirement in view of the agreement entered into by the State with an organisation (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [41924/17]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the appeal of a person (details supplied) in County Cork to Caranua has been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41275/17]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if English classes are provided to Syrian refugees residing in accommodation centres under the scope of his department's resettlement programme; the persons that can attend such classes; the number of hours per week over the number of weeks these classes are provided; if these classes are accompanied by reading or listening materials students can study in their own time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41792/17]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the English language supports provided to refugees resident in EROCs that have come here under the refugee protection programme; the persons among this cohort of refugees that are eligible for such supports; the number of hours of tuition provided on a weekly basis; the number of weeks that such tuition is provided; the way in which persons are facilitated to study in their own time with reading or listening materials; if each person is tracked by his department in terms of their progress; and the percentage of uptake among the cohort of refugees in question. — Catherine Martin. [41793/17]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if English classes are provided to Syrian refugees and asylum seekers once they leave accommodation centres and are placed in their resettlement community; if these classes are provided in a routine manner, for example, if they are provided from 9am to 4pm five days a week; and if there is a cost to these persons for same. — Catherine Martin. [41794/17]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of English language supports provided to refugees that have come here under the refugee protection programme that are now settled in communities; the number of refugees that have come through the programme that have moved on from EROCs and are now living in communities; the number of such refugees by education and training board area; the amount of tuition hours provided for persons on a weekly basis; the number of weeks that such tuition is made available; the percentage uptake of person to this tuition by ETB area; the monetary costs associated with accessing English language supports provided by ETBs; and if each person is tracked by his department or local ETB in terms of their progress. — Catherine Martin. [41795/17]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of providing 12 months worth of English classes and accompanying basic reading and listening materials to each Syrian refugee that enters the resettlement programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41796/17]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new development for a school (details supplied); if a timeframe from tender has been set out; when site works will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41250/17]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) did not qualify for DEIS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41308/17]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a sports hall will be provided to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41309/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 313 of 26 July 2017, when a proposal in respect of the management of a facility (details supplied) was received by his department; if he will provide a copy of such a proposal; when approval was given for this use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41310/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his department expects a project (details supplied) to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41332/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the assistance available to a person (details supplied) in County Kildare with regard to the educational needs of their child. — Sean Sherlock. [41336/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a new secondary school for the Castleknock and Carpenterstown areas in Dublin 15; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41337/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if SOLAS still owns the property on Shanliss road, Santry, which was used as a FÁS centre; if so, if it has plans for the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [41345/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the savings that have been made through the merger of Tipperary north and south VECs into Tipperary ETB in each of the years 2013 to 2016 respectively. — Alan Kelly. [41350/17]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of full working days the CEO of Tipperary ETB has worked in the head office in Nenagh since their appointment in July 2013. — Alan Kelly. [41351/17]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of days the CEO of Tipperary ETB has been present in the head office in Nenagh since their appointment in July 2013. — Alan Kelly. [41352/17]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the costs in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017 of the rent of Tipperary ETB's sub office in Clonmel. — Alan Kelly. [41353/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the purpose and cost of the lease of a new Tipperary ETB office in Thurles; and the amount that is being paid by SOLAS. — Alan Kelly. [41354/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if Tipperary ETB was offered the use of the old Thurles town council offices for training purposes; and if so, the reason it was turned down. — Alan Kelly. [41355/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the job advertisements and job specifications in Tipperary ETB since 2013, by date. — Alan Kelly. [41356/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the staffing allocations by grade and location in Tipperary ETB. — Alan Kelly. [41357/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a copy of the Tipperary ETB policy on expenses in place currently. — Alan Kelly. [41358/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of posts that have been advertised in Tipperary ETB since 2013; and the location that the winner of each post has commenced work in. — Alan Kelly. [41359/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if every post that has been advertised in Tipperary ETB since 2017 has had a place of work as part of the job description; and if not, the reason therefor. — Alan Kelly. [41360/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of times Tipperary ETB has been unable to fill positions internally and has had to advertise externally; the detail of those posts; and the dates on which they were advertised externally. — Alan Kelly. [41361/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a copy of the plans and drawings for the Tipperary ETB training centres and offices in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel. — Alan Kelly. [41362/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure on room rental and conference facilities by Tipperary ETB in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Alan Kelly. [41363/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of posts that have changed location in Tipperary ETB in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the detail of these posts; and the location from which they changed from and to. — Alan Kelly. [41364/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the processes and procedures in place for the way in which teaching allocations are distributed in Tipperary ETB. — Alan Kelly. [41365/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason there continues to be different leave entitlements in operation for staff in Tipperary ETB which means workers on the same grade have different leave entitlements. — Alan Kelly. [41366/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date on which the decision was made to create the director of further education, director of operations and director of schools posts across all ETBs. — Alan Kelly. [41367/17]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the enrolment figures for 2015, 2016 and 2017 across all schools under the domain of Tipperary ETB. — Alan Kelly. [41368/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the staffing numbers for 2015, 2016 and 2017 by grade and post across all schools under the domain of Tipperary ETB. — Alan Kelly. [41369/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the capital expenditure by SOLAS in County Tipperary in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, by location and date. — Alan Kelly. [41370/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure by SOLAS in County Tipperary in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Alan Kelly. [41371/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the financial or professional management of ETBs. — Alan Kelly. [41372/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the job specification that was advertised for the first chief executive of Tipperary ETB. — Alan Kelly. [41373/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the ETBI is funded. — Alan Kelly. [41375/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the budget allocation for ETB schools in each of the years 2013 to 2017. — Alan Kelly. [41376/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a complaint (details supplied) was not followed through the prescribed channels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [41389/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide details of the survey into school uniforms that was carried out in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41460/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered alternative measures to reduce school book costs via businesses such as a company (details supplied) or other practical methods that would reduce costs for parents. — Kathleen Funchion. [41482/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for the completion of a proposed new school (details supplied); the reason for the long delay; the amount of rent which continues to be paid each year for the privately rented premises on Parnell Square; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41498/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be allocated to enable a school (details supplied) for children with a diagnosis of autism in Kilbarrack hire new cleaners and maintenance staff. — Bríd Smith. [41504/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the condition of buildings being used by a school (details supplied) for children with a diagnosis of autism in Kilbarrack; and if capital funds will be allocated to ensure the school is provided with a permanent building of the highest standard and of sufficient size to allow the school meet the growing demand for its educational services. — Bríd Smith. [41505/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if staffing levels at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal will be reduced for the 2017/2018 academic year; if his attention has been

drawn to the implications which such a move will have on the school's ability to cater for the educational needs of children residing in the local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41506/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department decided to change the way it paid school secretaries; the reason it has decided to stop the 1978/79 scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the large differences in school secretaries pay between different schools nationwide; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that under the capitation grant scheme, many school secretaries are forced to go onto the jobseeker's allowance for the summer months to make ends meet; his views on whether this system is a fair way to treat school secretaries in view of the work they do in schools; if he will consider changing the system to ensure that as a minimum school secretaries are hired by schools for an entire year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41520/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the detail of all capital expenditure given by SOLAS to Tipperary ETB between 2013 to 2017, by location and date. — Alan Kelly. [41538/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the detail of all current expenditure given by SOLAS to Tipperary ETB between 2013 to 2017, by location and date. — Alan Kelly. [41539/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to the proposed educate together KWETB school in Celbridge, County Kildare; if agreement has been reached in respect of a selection of a site; when it is expected approval will issue in view of the extreme shortage of school places in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41547/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost in 2018 of recruiting an extra 30 full time education psychologists for the national education psychologist services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41611/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application can be expedited for an extension to a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41655/17]

*190. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an dtabharfaidh sé soiléiriú maidir le stádas an iarratais atá déanta ag scoil (sonraí tugtha), go háirithe ós rud é gur chuir an scoil an soiléiriú ar na costais a bhí iarrtha ag an Roinn isteach an 29 Meitheamh 2017; an bhfuil cinneadh déanta ina leith; mura bhfuil, cén uair a bheidh cinneadh déanta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [41713/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide funding for the development of a car park at a school (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [41725/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delay in the commencement of building a new school (details supplied) in Dublin 1; the timeframe for planning permission to be applied for; the timeframe for the school to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41771/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department has assessed the demand for secondary school places in Dublin 7, with particular reference to the new Scribblestown and Pelletstown communities along the Royal Canal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41778/17]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress that has been made regarding locating a permanent site for a school (details supplied); if he has directed Dublin city council to actively engage with landowners with a view to securing such a site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41779/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the average cost to a local education and training board of providing 12 months English language tuition to refugees that have been resettled under the refugee protection programme; and the costs of materials required. — Catherine Martin. [41797/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine statutory instrument number 394 of 2017, Education Support Centres (Appointment and Secondment of Directors) Regulations 2017, in view of the fact there are concerns that it will not lead to effective management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41816/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) who is enrolled to attend a school has not been given a timeframe for when their school bus service will begin; the reason there has been a delay; the measures being taken to address the situation; when the bus service will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41846/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) who is enrolled to attend a school has not been given a timeframe for when their school bus service will begin; the reason there has been a delay; the measures being taken to address the situation; when the bus service will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41847/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a progress report for a school (details supplied); the options being considered for the new school building; the timeframe for its delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41909/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he expects a school (details supplied) to go to tender stage for the new school building; the timeframe for project delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41910/17]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the refusal of Caranua to provide funeral expenses for a person (details supplied) who was a survivor of a residential institution that has received a payment from the redress board in view of the fact that the organisation has changed its criteria to include funeral expenses; and the statutory basis for excluding applications of this nature. — Clare Daly. [41911/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a transport grant payment will be made to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41916/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the schools in County Kildare that were built in the rapid build period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41917/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which his department is working to alleviate the fire risk in newly built schools that have been found at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41918/17]

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

*205. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken by his department to facilitate Irish persons living abroad return here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41277/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the detail of the report that has been commissioned by the government to examine barriers experienced by persons that emigrated and wish to return here; the expected publication date of this report; the cost of commissioning it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [41278/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the travel advice for Irish citizens wishing to travel to Kenya around the time of the planned elections there on 26 October 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41282/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps taken by the government, including at EU level, to aid organisations offering essential medical and psycho social support in addition to legal support to ensure access to justice and reparation (details supplied); if Ireland contributes to funding the International Commission on Missing Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina; his views on the recommendations in a recent report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41311/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Bedouin villagers from Khan Al Amar and Susiya in the occupied West Bank are urgently fighting the demolition of the villages by Israeli forces; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that their case will come before the Israeli High Court soon; his views on the fact that these villages might be demolished in violation of international law; if officials from his department will visit the villages before the case; and if they will attend the court hearing. — Seán Crowe. [41476/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the cost of applying for a passport is discouraging some persons from applying; his plans to reduce the cost of passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41745/17]

*211. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the planned demolition of the Palestinian villages of Khan Al Ahmer and Susiya in the occupied West Bank; if he will raise the matter with the Israeli authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41749/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to recent Dáil Éireann statements on the twenty second anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the steps he has taken, including at EU level, to aid organisations offering essential medical, psycho-social and legal support to ensure access to justice and reparation; if Ireland contributes to funding the International Commission on Missing Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina; his views on the recommendations in a recent report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41755/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has discussed the plight of the Rohingya people in Myanmar with that country's diplomatic representatives and at European level; and the further measures he plans to take to seek on this issue. — Catherine Martin. [41775/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the UK government is part funding an election observation mission to Somaliland to observe that country's presidential election on 13 November 2017; if funding options and other supports will be examined to enable Irish persons participate in that election observation mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41780/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to raise concerns with regard to the human rights of civilians in Biafra with the Nigerian government in relation to the ongoing Operation Python Dance II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41782/17]

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

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the timeframe for ratification of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [41295/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and grade of staff at the INIS; the number and grade of vacancies; his views on whether the service is adequately resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41312/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 56% of retail shops in County Westmeath have experienced an increase in rates following the revaluation process whilst 39% will experience a reduction; his views on whether such levels of increases will lead to the widespread closures of local shops especially in rural areas; his plans to ameliorate or deal with these excessive increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41871/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has given consideration to the creation of a new regional family law judge position for the north west in view of the large amount of family law cases there that are leading to long delays in the system and a large number of cases being listed for hearing on sitting days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [41246/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the location a person can get a post nuptial certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41247/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay with acquiring the new building for the new garda station for the Bailieborough district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41285/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeframe for the opening of the new garda regional and divisional headquarters in Galway city; the stage at which the development is at; when it will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41292/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of open applications for stamp 4 being processed; the average waiting time for a decision to be made on the granting of stamp 4; if he will allocate more resources to ensure applications are dealt with in a more timely fashion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41313/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the asylum application of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [41327/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will examine the case of persons (details supplied) who have applied for naturalisation and due to circumstances outside their control, have been unable to advance their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41458/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda cars and vans that are bluetooth enabled; the number that are connected to the central information technology system of the force; the number not equipped for hands-free phone connections; the number not enabled for GPS tracking; and the general geographic area of use in this regard. — Sean Sherlock. [41469/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of refugees now relocated or resettled here under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme established in September 2015. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41472/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons in direct provision in each direct provision centre for one year or less, one to two years, two to three years, three to four years, four to five years and more than five years in 2016 and to date in 2017. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41473/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the detail of his department's engagement with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41480/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the names and positions of the members of the inter-departmental taskforce established to examine the implications of the NVH v The Minister for Justice and Equality judgment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41515/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the plans Ireland has to opt into the recast Reception Conditions Directive (2013/33/EU); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41532/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 40 of 16 February 2017, the number of unaccompanied minors that have arrived here to date; the plans in place to fulfil this commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41533/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the integration strategy for refugees and asylum seekers that arrive here; if he will provide a copy of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41534/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 40 of 16 February 2017, the number of refugees that have arrived here under the resettlement and relocation programmes in 2016 and to date in 2017, in view of the fact that the government has pledged to accept a total of 4,000 persons into the State by the end of 2017; the anticipated number to arrive during the last three months of 2017; the plans in place to ensure this commitment will be met by the end of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41535/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedures in place when a member of the public is arrested and taken into garda custody; and if that person in custody suffers from serious ill health and displays symptoms of same in custody, the protocol that takes place to ensure duty of care. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41536/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda recruits assigned to each garda division since recruitment resumed in 2014, in tabular form; the reason the Galway division had the second lowest number of recruits assigned of all divisions in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41540/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and the ranks of each in the Galway division, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41541/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the population centres served by each garda division in the country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41542/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí in the Galway division in each of the past ten years, by rank, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41543/17]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the safe passage campaign by an organisation (details supplied) for the introduction of a humanitarian admission programme to reunite families fleeing conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41566/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of arrest warrants, bench warrants and penal warrants outstanding as of 1 September 2017 or the nearest available date in the Limerick garda division by garda district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41572/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí and civilians by rank and job title working in the garda financial intelligence unit 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. [41609/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if An Garda Síochána has powers to seize quad bikes and or scramblers in public parks and open spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41610/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to legislate for the full implementation of the Law Reform Commission Report LR67/2002 and in particular the proposals

with regard to leasehold land or property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [41656/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has satisfied himself with the operation of the garda compensation scheme; if his attention has been drawn to delays in payment of amounts awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [41657/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the report into the legislation regulating access by GSOC to journalists' phones which was delivered by a person (details supplied) to the government on 27 April 2017 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [41685/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to a report by a person (details supplied) in regard to serious allegations of visa fraud and other exploitation of vulnerable migrants; and the steps he is taking to address the matter. — Clare Daly. [41714/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the cost of awarding pensions to 20 living gardaí that left the force for any reason before 1 October 1976 having served the required five years service or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41730/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of family law bench warrants which remain unexecuted; the number issued annually; and the number which are executed. — Bríd Smith. [41735/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the proposed timeframe for and the details of the LGBT inclusion strategy announced by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41747/17]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the traveller and Roma inclusion strategy and proposed legislation emanating from same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41748/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if books are provided to Syrian refugees residing in accommodation centres under the scope of his department's resettlement programme; if so, if these books are provided by the Reception and Integration Agency, the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration, the relevant accommodation centre or other bodies; the names of those bodies; the number of books in each accommodation centre; the type of books provided, for example, fiction, language skills or personal development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41790/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if books are provided to those residing in direct provision; if so, if these books are provided by the Reception and Integration Agency, the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration, the relevant accommodation centre or other bodies; the names of those bodies; the number of books in each accommodation centre; the type of books provided, for example, fiction, language skills or personal development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41791/17]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his department has examined community sponsorship models such as the UN Community Sponsorship Initiative as a format that could be used to expand Ireland's capacity to respond to the current Syrian refugee crisis; the reason he would or would not introduce such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41798/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to reintroduce the Syrian humanitarian admission programme to expand Ireland's capacity to respond to the Syrian refugee crisis; the reason he would or would not reintroduce such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41799/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of extra funding being allocated to local authorities in advance of the Syrian resettlement programme; the areas to which funding is being allocated, for example, housing, English classes, rural development and community development by year and local authority, in tabular form; if this funding is coming from the European integration fund or another body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41800/17]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if extra funding is being provided to community groups in areas in which Syrian refugees are being resettled under the Syrian resettlement programme; the number of months in advance of and after the arrival of refugees funding is being allocated; the breakdown of funding by year, name of community group, type of community activity and local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41801/17]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his department has discussed refugee integration as an aspect of rural development policy with the Departments of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Rural and Community Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41804/17]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of extra funding and resources being allocated to his department in preparation for the Syrian resettlement programme and other programmes dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis; the areas to which funding is being allocated by year, section of his department and type of resource, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41805/17]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his department has engaged with community groups on the ground in local authority areas in preparation for the Syrian resettlement programme, refugee protection programme and other departmental programmes dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis; if his department or local authorities are being encouraged to engage with community groups; if so, the means or resources through which it is engaging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41806/17]

*261. 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 (as amended) by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41808/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the introduction of new sexual offences legislation and the drafting of a domestic violence bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41818/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the names and titles of the members of the Immigrant Investor Programme Committee; the criteria used by the committee for the sanctioning of investments; if enhancement of tourism is an official criterion for the committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41875/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the countries of origin of investors under the immigrant investor programme that were issued visas in each of the past three years and to date in 2017; if the countries of origin of those applying have changed since the UK's Brexit vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41876/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the companies and the purpose of each of the businesses which were granted investors under the immigrant investor programme; the number invested in each one; and the number of issued visas per investment in the businesses in each of the past three years and to date in 2017. — Jack Chambers. [41877/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if investments made under the immigrant investor programme have been withdrawn following the expiry of the three year requirement for the capital injection to be valid for the visa; and if he has satisfied himself that the programme delivers value in view of the reputational risks that could be involved. — Jack Chambers. [41878/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress made in upgrading the Donegal town garda barracks; the options being considered as part of the overall improvement plan; the timeframe for moving forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41907/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of additional gardaí allocated to the Donegal division in each of the years 2014 to 2016; the number of gardaí that either retired or transferred out of the division in each of the years 2014 to 2016; the further provision he and the garda authorities are making for the Donegal division in 2017 and in future years in order to restore garda numbers in the division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41908/17]

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

*269. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to provide for mandatory inspection and monitoring by the NPWS of pre-coursing trials of hares; and her further plans to provide also that a vet must be present at all such trials. — Clare Daly. [41236/17]

*270. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the oversight mechanisms that are in place to ensure that hares used at coursing meetings are not recaptured after their release into the wild and coursed again as per the rules of an organisation (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [41237/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht further to parliamentary question number 363 of 20 September 2017, if she will include at condition number four in the hare coursing licence, a provision that an obligatory return be made to her department with the particulars of the number of hare deaths at coursing meetings in view of the fact the current licence provides at condition four that only injuries be reported. — Clare Daly. [41238/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of persons that participated in the NPWS farm plan scheme; and the funding allocated and expended on the programme in each of the years 2010 to 2016, in tabular form. — Charlie McConologue. [41404/17]

*273. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil aon dul chun cinn déanta aici chun bád farantóireachta úr toiscdhéanta a choimisiúnú don phasáiste idir Machaire

Rabhartaigh agus Oileán Thoraí i gContae Dhún na nGall; cén uair a chuirfear an tseirbhís seo ar fáil do phaisinéirí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [41591/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*274. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend legislation to ensure there is a provision under social affordable housing to allow for the provision of respite housing should there be a need in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41526/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the mobility allowance was stopped for new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41549/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health when a payment similar to the mobility allowance will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41550/17]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is unfair that employees of section 39 organisations had their pay cut in line with the FEMPI legislation on the instruction of the HSE but now those organisations are not in a position to restore the pay of the employees of these section 39 organisations in view of the fact that they have not been given the funding to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [41598/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41758/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the gender proofing of all health policies and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41819/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the fair deal scheme will be increased to remove discrimination against farming and other small business assets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41821/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of breaches of labelling that have been identified throughout the food sector in the past twelve months in respect of imports and home produced product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41957/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health if his department is considering a proposal from a private provider (details supplied) in respect of the provision of respite services for persons with disabilities in County Louth and the surrounding areas; when a decision will be reached in respect of this proposal; the number of respite places it would provide; the associated cost of this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41231/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding which was allocated to County Louth in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in respect of disability capital funding; the agency or agencies this funding was allocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41232/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding which was allocated to each of the CHO areas in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in respect of disability capital funding; the agencies this funding was allocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41233/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of both spinal consultants that are employed in Tallaght hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41239/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health if both spinal consultants in Tallaght hospital are on full time contracts in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41240/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if a replacement consultant has been found to replace a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41241/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been informed that their general practitioner card has been withdrawn for a period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [41242/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health if the medicinal cannabis compassionate access programme to be launched soon will allow consultants to prescribe cannabis oil with THC content; and if the scheme will allow a consultant to determine the level of THC content of the oil based on the medical needs of the person in question. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41243/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the waiting lists for occupational therapy and psychology appointments for children aged 0 to 18 years of age, by county, in tabular form. — Mary Butler. [41245/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a person (details supplied) on the waiting list for the national rehabilitation hospital; the estimated timeframe for admission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41251/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the long waiting times for the psychology assessments needed by children to access speech and language and other early intervention services in north County Dublin, as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [41268/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for the national rehabilitation hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41271/17]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the national rehabilitation hospital; the number occupied, empty and closed respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41272/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if funding issues are causing beds at the national rehabilitation hospital to remain empty and not staffed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41273/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow women to access long acting reversible contraception under the medical card scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41276/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a matter (details supplied); if he will reconsider this decision not to fund translarna; if he will address the points made by the persons affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41280/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been placed on a panel in relation to the recent application for the post of home help for CHO area 8; the expected number to be recruited off this panel by county in 2017 and 2018; the length of time this panel will remain in place for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41283/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health when sonographers will be in place to provide the anomaly scan at Cavan general hospital; if he has set out a timeline for the provision of this scan on site at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41286/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering a proposal from a private provider (details supplied) in respect of the provision of respite services for persons with disabilities in County Louth and the surrounding areas; when a decision will be reached in respect of this proposal; the associated cost of this proposal; the number of respite places it would provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41290/17]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for rehab care in the Scared Heart hospital, Carlow. — Pat Deering. [41296/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive home help hours. — Pat Deering. [41297/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1077 of 11 September 2017, the anticipated role and function of the existing professional bodies for counselling and psychotherapy in relation to the accreditation of practitioners once the statutory registration board has been put in place in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41300/17]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if versatis medicated plasters will remain as a reimbursable item under the under the medical card or drugs payment schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41304/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is cost effective to place a person (details supplied) in a nursing home when a home care package would suffice in meeting their care needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [41305/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications that have been received in the past year by the HSE from persons seeking a licence to use medicinal cannabis products here; the number of these applications that were granted; and the criteria that were used in accepting or rejecting applications. — Mick Barry. [41306/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be expedited for a person (details supplied); if so, the date for this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41307/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug pembrolizumab will be licensed for use in the treatment of fine cell neuroendocrine rectal cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41316/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug nivolumab will be made available to persons in the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41317/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); if the application has been registered; if further documentation is outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41318/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1202 of 11 September 2017, if the onus is on the manufacturer of the drug to initiate the process of having it added to the reimbursement list; and if not, if there is a way for affected persons to commence this process. — Michael McGrath. [41320/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to support persons that suffer strokes; if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations by an organisation (details supplied) for improving services for stroke sufferers; his plans to ensure there are properly resourced stroke units in hospitals which treat stroke patients; his further plans to ensure the standardisation of 24/7 clot busting thrombolysis treatment in each hospital treating acute stroke; if every person that suffers a stroke will have timely access to appropriate levels of in hospital rehabilitation; his plans to ensure the rollout of early supported discharge programmes nationally for persons that suffer a stroke to improve recovery outcomes and free up acute hospital beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41323/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health if respite care can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [41333/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports or transport schemes available for a person (details supplied) that has severe spinal injuries and requires access to a car to maintain decent quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41338/17]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the reason lidocaine pain relief patches have been removed from the list of medicines available under the medical card; when this decision was taken; the evidence used to support this decision; the number of persons affected by this decision; the expected savings arising from this decision; and if the decision can be reconsidered for persons in view of the fact that they will not be able to afford this vital pain relief from their own resources. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41339/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare that urgently needs an operation will receive an appointment for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41340/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41343/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the drug translarna is not being made available for persons that suffer with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [41347/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health when the post of director of nursing in child and adolescence in mental health service in Cork city will be filled in view of the fact that it has been vacant for over a month and no process has commenced to fill it; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41374/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the decision on the reintroduction of day case charges for haemochromatosis patients attending the Louth county venesection clinic; his

plans to reverse day charges for this life saving treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41388/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if he or the HSE have recently restricted the uses for which lidocaine patches can be prescribed for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41393/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding for mental health services and facilities that has been returned unspent from each CHO 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. — James Browne. [41394/17]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres that provide mental health services; the number of centres in each CHO; the number of staff providing services at each centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41396/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health nurses graduating in 2016 and 2017 respectively; the number of these graduates offered permanent contracts, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41397/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to prioritise employment opportunities for recent mental health nursing graduates here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41398/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage CAMHS received in funding from the mental health budget for each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41399/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children qualified for children's physiotherapy services in County Wexford; the number of children on a waiting list to receive the services; the estimated waiting time for each child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41400/17]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for their first assessment for possible qualification for treatment with the children's physiotherapy services in County Wexford that are designated into different priority levels or categories; the number of children in each category; the criteria defining each category; the respective average waiting list in each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41401/17]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists employed by the HSE and or children's physiotherapy services in County Wexford; if there are vacancies for physiotherapists treating children in County Wexford; if so, the number of such vacancies; the length of time that each vacancy has existed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41402/17]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons treated on average by each physiotherapist working for children's physiotherapy services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41403/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the restoration of a clinic (details supplied) at a hospital; the business case being prepared to develop a service at this hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41410/17]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with haemochromatosis (details supplied) that have to attend hospital on a regular basis will continue to have their attendance at hospitals regarded as outpatients rather than having day charge status applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41412/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a further podiatrist in County Meath will be made available in budget 2018; and the reason for the sudden increase in the number of persons with diabetes hospitalised for foot ulceration treatment in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [41415/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate the mobility allowance payable to persons that have a disability; the reason for the delay in making a decision in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41418/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide funding for a treatment centre (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [41426/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-post and vacant whole time equivalent speech and language therapists in CHO area 7 and in the Dublin south west LHO; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Tallaght can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41429/17]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post and vacant whole time equivalent social workers in CHO area 7 and Dublin south west LHO; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Tallaght can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41430/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post and vacant whole time equivalents public health nurses in CHO area 7 and Dublin south west LHO; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Tallaght can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41431/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners both in post and vacant in CHO area 7 that have signed up to the free general practitioner service for the under 6's scheme; the number in Dublin south west LHO; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Tallaght can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41432/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for a speech and language assessment in CHO area 7 and Dublin south west LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Tallaght; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41434/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for speech and language therapy treatment in CHO area 7 and Dublin south west LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Tallaght; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41435/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent speech and language therapists in CHO area 8 and in the LHO area Longford and Westmeath; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mullingar can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41436/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent social workers in CHO area 8 and in the LHO area Longford and Westmeath; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mullingar can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41437/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent public health nurses in CHO area 8 and in the LHO area Longford and Westmeath; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mullingar can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41438/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners both in post and vacant in CHO area 8 that have signed up to the free general practitioner service for the under 6's scheme; the number in LHO area Longford and Westmeath; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mullingar can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41439/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for a speech and language assessment in CHO area 8; the number in the Longford and Westmeath LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41441/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for speech and language therapy treatment in CHO area 8; the number in the Longford and Westmeath LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41442/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent speech and language therapists in CHO area 4 and LHO area Cork south Lee; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mahon can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41443/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent social workers in CHO area 4 and LHO area Cork south Lee; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mahon can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41444/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent public health nurses in CHO area 4 and LHO area Cork south Lee; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mahon can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41445/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners in CHO area 4 that have signed up to the free general practitioner service for the under 6's scheme; the number in LHO Cork south Lee; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Mahon can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41446/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for a speech and language assessment in CHO area 4 and Cork south Lee LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Mahon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41448/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for speech and therapy treatment in CHO area 4 and Cork south Lee LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Mahon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41449/17]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant of whole time equivalent speech and language therapists in CHO area 3 and LHO area Tipperary north east Limerick; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Thurles can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41450/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant whole time equivalent social workers in CHO area 3 and LHO area Tipperary north east Limerick; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Thurles can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41451/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in post and vacant of whole time equivalent public health nurses in CHO area 3 and LHO area Tipperary north east Limerick; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Thurles can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41452/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners in CHO area 3 that have signed up to the free general practitioner service for the under 6's scheme; the number in LHO Tipperary north east Limerick; the number of these that persons in the catchment area of Thurles can access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41453/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for speech and language assessment in CHO area 3 and Tipperary north east Limerick LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41455/17]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children aged 0 to 18 years of age for speech and language therapy treatment in CHO area 3 and Tipperary north east Limerick LHO; the number of these within the catchment area of Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41456/17]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the drug ocrelizumab for the treatment of multiple sclerosis; if the drug is being assessed by the NCPE; and if not, if it will be assessed in the near future. — Billy Kelleher. [41461/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed new 100 bed unit at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41462/17]

*362. 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 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. — Michael Harty. [41463/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent residential place can be provided for a person (details supplied). — Billy Kelleher. [41470/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) trying to access CAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41474/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available in the upcoming budget for a further podiatrist in County Donegal; if his attention has been drawn to the sudden increase in the number of foot complications experienced by persons with diabetes in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41479/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lengthy delays for allied health professionals returning from abroad registering with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41483/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the process necessary for registration with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41484/17]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts while allied health professionals are awaiting registration with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41485/17]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a further podiatrist to provide diabetes podiatry services to persons living in County Donegal will be made available; if so, when it is likely that this post will be available to persons; if his attention has been drawn to the increase in the number of persons with diabetes in the county requiring lower limb amputations owing to complications associated with the disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41486/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a decision from the medical card department regarding an application for a discretionary medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41487/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of centre based respite nights provided to persons with disabilities to date in 2017; the way in which this compares against target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41488/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the new HSE policy on manual handling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41490/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a further podiatrist in County Meath will be made available in view of the fact that County Meath has had the largest year on year increase in the number of persons with diabetes hospitalised for foot ulceration treatment in 2016; and the reason for the sudden increase in persons seeking this treatment. — Peadar Tóibín. [41500/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect the delivery of a special cushion which was ordered in July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41501/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if a bed for a person (details supplied) in County Westmeath can be expedited. — Robert Troy. [41503/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of podiatrists in County Limerick due to the increasing number of persons needing treatment for diabetic foot ulceration in County Limerick. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41508/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's position regarding the promotion of vaping as a means to achieve the State's goal of becoming smoke free (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41513/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase funding in budget 2018 for a facility (details supplied) to ensure it can open on a full time basis from spring 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41523/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the reason vaping and vaping products are classified in the same category as cigarette and tobacco products; his plans to amend the way in which vaping is classified in order to remove some of the expense associated with the practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41528/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41529/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for persons that have been approved for counselling under the CIPC in County Meath; and the number of persons on the waiting list in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [41530/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [41537/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided in budget 2018 for an additional podiatrist for Galway, in view of the fact that Galway has one of the largest year on year increases in persons requiring in patient treatment for diabetic foot ulceration and there has also been an increase in the number of persons in Galway with diabetes being hospitalised for lower limb amputation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41544/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41551/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health when a drug will be available for a person (details supplied) who has been prescribed nivolumab. — Thomas Byrne. [41552/17]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if a motorised scooter can be provided to a person (details supplied); the correct procedure to be followed to obtain such required equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41553/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if the outcomes and recommendations of a quality assurance review of in-home care packages and respite care for children with complex needs and life limiting conditions residing within CHO area 1 has now been completed; if so, the findings contained therein; if copies of the report have been furnished to the families interviewed as part of this review process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41555/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made by the National Palliative Care Office and representatives from CHO area 1 to explore the various options available

with regard to the provision of respite services for children with complex needs and life limiting conditions, including the possibility of providing services on a cross border basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41556/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health if a business operational appraisal case into respite care services has been prepared for the Ballyshannon complex in County Donegal; if so, the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41557/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made to advance the case for hospice respite services provided at a facility (details supplied) to be made available to children with complex needs and life limiting conditions that reside in CHO area 1 and its hinterland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41558/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a further podiatrist in County Louth will be made available in the upcoming budget; and the reason for the sudden increase in County Louth in the number of persons with diabetes requiring inpatient treatment for diabetic foot ulceration. — Declan Breathnach. [41565/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons from County Donegal that applied for the primary medical certificate, that were awarded the primary medical certificate and that were refused the primary medical certificate in each of the past five years to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41567/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if home tuition funding will be provided for early intervention for a person (details supplied) to assist their parents in making this person's life easier; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the person's parents cannot not afford this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41570/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health if his department has examined the need for a specialist clinician in the Dublin region to treat Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41575/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if Ehlers-Danlos syndrome is provided for within the National Rare Disease Plan for Ireland 2014-2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41576/17]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the promised refurbishment of Millstreet hospital. — Michael Moynihan. [41578/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Kanturk community hospital. — Michael Moynihan. [41579/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide extra funding for home care and home help packages in 2018 in view of the fact that the demand for these services far outstrips supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41594/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that have been put in place to access the possible removal of south Tipperary general hospital from the south south west group with a possible movement to the Limerick hospital group as confirmed recently in a HSE press release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41596/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date to expedite a national review of cardiology services; the preparatory works that have taken place during the summer by the HSE; if an outside international expert is being identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41597/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if the recent arrangement in County Cavan whereby the National Ambulance Service can deploy the fire and rescue service in the county to act as first responders in some emergencies can be extended to County Donegal. — Louise O'Reilly. [41599/17]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 398 of 26 September 2017, the reason his department rejected the application from Letterkenny university hospital for two advanced nurse practitioners with the role into transition services to adult clinics and a second ANP in adult services that would also develop a speciality in pump therapy for adults as agreed in the meeting referred to; and if his attention has been drawn to the implications of delaying these appointments until 2018. — Louise O'Reilly. [41600/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing positions in Beaumont hospital that will be offered to upcoming graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41606/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an initial assessment for respite services in CHO area 9; the number of those persons that have been waiting three months, between 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months and over 12 months for the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41607/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an initial assessment for day care services in CHO area 9; the number of those persons that have been waiting three months, between 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months and over 12 months for the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41608/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make the freestyle libre flash glucose monitoring system available to persons with type 1 diabetes in view of the fact it is now available to UK NHS patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41617/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries by type on the elective waiting lists that have been cancelled in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the reason the surgeries were cancelled; if it was due to a lack of ICU or ward beds and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41627/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health when nivolumab will be made available on the HSE primary care reimbursement service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41691/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet persons (details supplied) to discuss their recent experience with the emergency services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41715/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if an application will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [41716/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the Our Lady's hospital, Navan cardiac care waiting list; the average waiting time; and the longest length of time that a person must wait. — Peadar Tóibín. [41729/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to place the freestyle libre flash glucose monitoring system for the treatment of diabetes on the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41731/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to introducing a postgraduate programme that would allow nurses from other fields to study and train to become general nurses helping to alleviate staffing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41732/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health if dental treatment will be carried out for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41740/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration which has been given to the use of email, text and so on to notify persons of appointments in circumstances in which it is possible in an effort to reduce administration costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41741/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allocate the required moneys for the provision of the pilot project for Prader-Willi syndrome providing respite in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41743/17]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health when the free style 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 1 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. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [41746/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health if necessary supports will be allocated to a drug rehabilitation and drugs prevention programme (details supplied) in Dublin. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41756/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that required in hospital treatment for diabetes related foot complications and lower limb loss attending UHW over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41759/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were referred to another hospital that required treatment for diabetes related foot complications and lower limb loss attending UHW over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41760/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the freestyle libre blood monitor is not available through the medical card or long term illness cards, in view of the fact that the NHS has recently made it available in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41764/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the long term policy and funding strategy for the care of adults with intellectual disabilities particularly in scenarios in which close relatives are no longer able to provide care. — Catherine Martin. [41767/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself with the quality of record keeping, archiving and recording of case histories at a facility (details supplied); if he has further satisfied himself with the level of continued professional development available to and availed by all staff; if he has satisfied himself with the communication with persons by electronic, telephone and other means; if he has further satisfied himself with the availability of information such as leaflets on mental health to persons within the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41772/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) will not be considered under the HSE treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41784/17]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date and future changes envisaged in the context of three monthly reports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [41785/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hip replacement operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [41787/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the case of a person (details supplied) who is in need of urgent orthodontic treatment and who does not qualify for such treatment under the school dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [41809/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 159 of 15 June 2016, the reason the person concerned was not seen by an occupational therapist in February 2017 as committed to by the HSE; his views on whether it is acceptable that a child should have to wait for two years for an appointment within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [41810/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that County Galway had one of the largest yearly increases in the number of persons with diabetes requiring in patient treatment for diabetic foot ulceration; the reason for the sudden increase; if funding for a further podiatrist in County Galway will be made available in budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [41811/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the number of Irish doctors taking up permanent positions abroad following qualification; the reason for this; the steps he will take to deal with the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41815/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of counterfeit medication that has been confiscated annually since 2011; the types of counterfeit medication involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41850/17]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the introduction of legislation dealing with assisted human reproduction; the areas which will be covered under such legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41851/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the dangerous levels of overcrowding at the emergency department of Tallaght hospital in the week of 25 September 2017; if the HSE will act on the recommendations of the 2011 HIQA inquiry into overcrowding at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [41857/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if he has the authority to prohibit the sale of so called combi boxes which contain rolling tobacco, papers and filters under the Public Health Tobacco Acts, in view of HSE research which reports huge growth in the use of rolling tobacco by under 25's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maria Bailey. [41867/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if persons currently using respreeza will not be denied access to this medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41869/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he plans to implement to ensure the retention of newly qualified doctors in the health system in view of shortages at general practitioner level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41870/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their next lidocaine infusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41873/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if the service available to patients at Galway university hospital for the administration of lidocaine infusion has been reduced resulting in access for existing patients having been restricted; if so, the reason for reducing the number of appointments being allocated to existing patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41874/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a knee operation in Limerick following numerous cancellations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41883/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health his department's business priorities for each of the past five years; the way in which scoliosis surgeries have been a part of these plans for each of the past five years; the location and funding for same; the way in which paediatric access and surgery have been a part of these plans for each of the past five years; the location and funding for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41884/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if his department received submissions as part of the estimates process in the past five years to address the specific issue of scoliosis surgery; the way in which this was included in his department's statement of priority over the past five years; the way in which this was included in his department's budget over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41885/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review and reverse the decision of the HSE not to approve the use of the drug kivan for persons with phenylketonuria (PKU) and accept the request by an organisation (details supplied) to provide funding for this drug which has significant long term health improvements for persons affected by PKU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41912/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics to review its decision not to fund the provision of the drug kivan for persons affected by phenylketonuria which was approved by EU regulatory agencies in 2009 for use in 20 European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41913/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health if the inpatient unit at Linn Dara, Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10, which was partially closed in May 2017 has been fully reopened. — James Browne. [41914/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if the staffing shortage at the Linn Dara unit inpatient facilities has been addressed. — James Browne. [41915/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which savings from the State's agreement with an organisation (details supplied) in 2016 have been applied towards the funding of new medicines; and the processes in place to ensure that in 2018 savings generated under the agreement are applied for the funding of new medicines by the Health Service Executive and transparently reported as such. — Billy Kelleher. [41919/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [41920/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will bring forward legislation making it mandatory to make a defibrillator available in each public building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41928/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a further podiatrist in County Wexford will be included in budget 2018. — James Browne. [41929/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the increase in the number of persons from County Wexford with diabetes requiring a lower limb amputation which is preventable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41930/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the drugs group meeting on 14 September 2017 following its review of vimizin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41932/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health when the freestyle libre system will be made available to persons with diabetes type 1 and 2 on the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41933/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given to a new general practitioner contract in order to increase general practitioner capacity to cater for chronic diseases such as asthma and COPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41936/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will ensure that the high cost of preventative medication will not be a barrier in effectively controlling asthma under the long term illness scheme or another targeted scheme such as a chronic disease card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41937/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the masterplan for south Tipperary general hospital; if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [41938/17]

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

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections carried out in the 2016 to 2017 season of vessels pair trawling inshore within Irish coastal waters inside six nautical miles; the results of these inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [41244/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds exported to the United Kingdom for sales and trials between 2010 to 2016; the number returned here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41326/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons applying for ANC payments in 2017 that have not to date received a payment in view of the fact they do not meet the annual average stocking density of 0.15 livestock units per forage hectare for the calendar year. — Charlie McConalogue. [41405/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the 2017 budget allocation for TAMS 2; and the expenditure to date on same. — Charlie McConalogue. [41406/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether a year of tragedy on farms means the message of farm safety is not getting through; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41466/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a forestry reconstitution grant application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [41545/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulatory environment that is applicable under his department's remit regarding agricultural vehicles of all types including trailers, quads, tractors, machinery and agricultural equipment such as sprayers and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41589/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer participating on a farm retirement scheme would be in breach of the criteria of this scheme if they engaged in hobby farming (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41618/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself with the performance of Horse Racing Ireland and the Turf Club in relation to the disclosure of funds in the pension fund as reported recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41622/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to take action regarding the correspondence sent by a person (details supplied) and forwarded to him as advised regarding serious neglect and treatment of animals; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that GSOC has been contacted in relation to the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41623/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 405 of 26 September 2017, if he will clarify the position that, contrary to the implication in the answer given by his department, the question did not make a reference to an obligation on greyhound owners to either participate in or express an interest in coursing, and was rather in regard to his plans to remedy a situation whereby there is an obligation on greyhound owners that wish to race their dogs in track races here to pay a registration fee to an organisation (details supplied), a body which organises and administers a blood sport, regardless of the owners' own views on or objections to coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [41688/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a copy of a notification issued to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [41697/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of farm payments for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41724/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an AEOS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41727/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on pair trawling in view of the quantities of sprat that are removed from the sea during this process and the request from an organisation (details supplied) to ban the practice to maintain the sprat population which benefits seabirds and marine life. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [41733/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he can assist those exporters in the food sector that have been negatively affected by issues associated with Brexit with particular reference to access to the UK market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41940/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new markets are being located for Irish food exports in view of the need to replace losses arising from currency or Brexit associated issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41941/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new markets identified for Irish food exporters in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41942/17]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which provisions can be put in place to protect the fishing industry with particular reference to threats arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41943/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish conservation policies have benefitted fish stocks in the seas around Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41944/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish stocks have fluctuated in the past five years; the degree to which this affects the catch; his plans for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41945/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which markets for Irish poultry at home and abroad have developed or are likely to develop; if imports from EU or third countries have affected the trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41946/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which fish processing facilities here remain adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41947/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the cereal sector remains strong and sufficient to meet current requirements and challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41948/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the dairy industry has stabilised and expanded following the abolition of quotas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41949/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the future development of the agri food sector notwithstanding Brexit or other challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41950/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of deer farming, domestic and or export markets for venison; the extent to which the industry can grow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41951/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his department continue to monitor the poultry sector with particular reference to threats to the industry; the degree to which potential for growth remains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41952/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has satisfied himself regarding the future development of the pig meat sector with consequent export opportunities; if cognisance is taken of potential threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41953/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which unimpeded markets continue to exist for lamb exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41954/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strength of the national beef, dairy and pig herd and the sheep flock; the extent to which numbers have fluctuated over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41955/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which traceability, husbandry, management and hygiene tests continue to be strictly applied throughout the food sector, indigenous and imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41956/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he anticipates ongoing growth in the beef sector with particular reference to Food Harvest 2020 and Food Wise 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41958/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which his department monitors the costs of farm inputs such as fertilisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41959/17]

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

*490. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of persons with intellectual disabilities under 65 years of age that live in nursing homes in County Wexford. — James Browne. [41395/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether legislation is sufficiently robust to enable local authorities to combat illegal dumping such as at the site recently discovered at the scenic area of Bellharbour, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41465/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has received advice in relation to the illegal dumping in the sixteenth century old dock in Galway; the steps that he plans to take to deal with this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41592/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the implementation of a nationwide network of real time air quality monitoring stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41935/17]

*494. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41248/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe for broadband services to be available under the national broadband scheme at Gillstown, Garlow Cross, Navan, County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [41407/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the success or otherwise of the warmth and wellbeing pilot programme that commenced in 2016 and was piloted in parts of Dublin 8, 10, 12, 22 and 24; the number of persons that have benefitted from this programme in each area, in tabular form; his plans for the expansion of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41467/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 711 of 11 April 2017, if he will provide a copy of the report on the outstanding recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41531/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a company (details supplied) reneged on its commitment to provide high speed broadband facilities to Ballynacargy and Ballymore in County Westmeath, despite these two areas being designated as black spots and identified as such and thereby areas of high and immediate proximity in the company's expansion programme for rural areas and which has now been downgraded in terms of commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41586/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a company (details supplied) plans to extend its networks to facilitate connection threats for towns and villages throughout County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41587/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband services will be available under the national broadband scheme at a person's (details supplied) home . — Thomas Byrne. [41717/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will review correspondence (details supplied); his views on the concerns outlined by the group; the status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41752/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a tender process for 400 pylons commenced by a company (details supplied) was not publicised in its Autumn 2017 leaflet on the north south interconnector, in view of the fact that under the PCI process all information regarding the status of the project must be made public on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [41766/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the sectoral adaptation plans adopted in accordance with the national climate change adaptation framework since the framework was published in 2012; and the locations in which the sectoral plans can be accessed. — Catherine Martin. [41768/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to put in place an electric vehicle charging point in Leinster House. — Catherine Martin. [41781/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the length of the waiting list for solar farms to connect to the grid; if shovel ready projects with planning permission already granted will be prioritised over those with no planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41830/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the townlands in County Meath in which there will be State intervention under the national broadband plan. — Thomas Byrne. [41856/17]

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

*507. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the meetings he held in relation to the Rugby World Cup bid. — Micheál Martin. [41380/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consumer protection rights and compensation available to persons at national and EU level following the cancellation of thousands of flights by a company (details supplied); and if he or his department officials have had direct discussions with the company since the cancellations were announced. — Niall Collins. [41925/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a renewed driving licence in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Louth now displays a change to data in respect of country of birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [41234/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to announce the allocations under the 2017 sports capital grant programme. — Michael McGrath. [41279/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans for a ring road or outer city bypass for Galway; the involvement his department has in this area and other efforts to

resolve traffic congestion in Galway city; when he expects to have progress on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41291/17]

*512. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a report on the further development of the western rail corridor has been commissioned by his department; if so, the person or body that is compiling the report; the timeframe for it to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [41298/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied); if the person has been replaced in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41321/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the waiting times to sit a driving test for the first nine months of 2017 (details supplied) for counties Cavan and Monaghan, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41322/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications made to his department for exemptions for the transportation of munitions or weapons of war through Shannon Airport to date in 2017 under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, SI 224 of 1973; the number of these applications which were granted and denied respectively in 2017; the reason given for these decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41324/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of US troops that have passed through Shannon Airport to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41325/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has given consideration to include funding for the Drogheda northern port access route in the forthcoming capital plan review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41341/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is reviewing the operation of the secondary toll on the M1 at Drogheda; if he has had formal engagement with the toll operator in this regard; the nature and timeframe of the toll operator's contract; the cost to the State; if the secondary toll at Drogheda is to be removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [41342/17]

*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress on his call for an organisation (details supplied) to implement measures still outstanding from the 2002 Genesis report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [41346/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [41391/17]

*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a person (details supplied) with a driving licence can avoid the obligation of taking a number of driving lessons before sitting a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41392/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for a safety review of a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41419/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if remedial work will be undertaken at the entrance to Castleknock railway station which is in poor condition and a safety concern due to a broken path and overgrowth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41459/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Smarter Travel A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009 to 2020 is still the policy of his department; the person within his department that has responsibility for implementing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41499/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost for taxi drivers to recalibrate meters when fares are increased by the NTA. — Imelda Munster. [41519/17]

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of redundancies, voluntary or otherwise, of Bus Éireann drivers in the past 12 months; the actions he has taken to ensure the number of redundancies does not destabilise delivery of services at the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41527/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the implementation of recommendation 105 of the Road Safety Strategy 2013 to 2020; if the recommendation has been implemented; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41548/17]

*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason he has not commenced the section of the Road Traffic Act 2016 which seeks to regulate rickshaws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41577/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the regulatory involvement that is applied under his department's supervision to agricultural vehicles of all types, including trailers, quads, tractors, machinery and agricultural equipment such as sprayers and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41588/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide the documentation between his department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform relating to the 2018 estimates. — Alan Kelly. [41601/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the bid for Rugby World Cup 2023 is successful, the departmental vote from which the funding for the actual bid will come from. — Alan Kelly. [41602/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the bid for the Rugby World Cup 2023 is successful, if his department will have to provide the required bid funding of a minimum of €120 million from within its current budget allocation; and if so, if special provision will be made for same. — Alan Kelly. [41603/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41629/17]

*534. 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. [41750/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a sports capital grant will be awarded to a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41751/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for proposals put to his department by Galway city and county councils for the provision of a park and ride service between Galway airport and Galway city in order to ease traffic congestion for commuters and to support the business community in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [41761/17]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on altering the rules of the road to reflect the advice provided to drivers in the Netherlands (details supplied). — Catherine Martin. [41776/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of plans for Irish Rail to close a crossing (details supplied); if the crossing is part of a general scheme being considered for closure in 2018; if the installation of electronic gates can be considered at this crossing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41813/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to bring forward legislation to make it compulsory to wear a high visibility top and reflective clothing on unlit roads after dark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41858/17]

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

*540. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time children in CHO Area 7, Dublin south west LHO and the catchment area of Tallaght are waiting to be allocated a social worker in relation to cases of child protection and children in care and high priority cases of child protection and children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41433/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time children in CHO area 8, Longford and Westmeath LHO and the catchment area of Mullingar are waiting to be allocated a social worker in relation to cases of child protection and children in care and high priority cases of child protection and children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41440/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time children in CHO area 4, Cork south Lee LHO and the catchment area of Mahon are waiting to be allocated a social worker in relation to cases of child protection and children in care and in high priority cases of child protection and children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41447/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time children in CHO area 3 Tipperary north east Limerick LHO and the catchment area of Thurles are waiting to be allocated a social worker in relation to cases of child protection and children in care and in high priority cases of child protection and children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41454/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the location of a burial ground for an institution (details supplied); and if there are records of those that died while resident in that institution. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41270/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the transitional justice element of the investigation into mother and baby homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [41293/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of child minders that have registered with Tusla from September 2016 to date in 2017. — Denise Mitchell. [41294/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of reporting that has been sought by the city of Dublin youth services board from a club (details supplied) in Dublin 5 in terms of the range, volume and frequency of activities it organises with the funds it receives from her department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41303/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding and resources will be increased for the family resource network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41411/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the levels of entitlement stated in the affordable childcare scheme; the entitlements for persons that do not work regular hours or shift work that cannot place their children in crèche care during normal business hours; her views on whether there is a level of inconsistency regarding the number of persons that can avail of affordable childcare under the scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41427/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to anomalies in the funding of family resource centres by Tusla in which some centres are funded for two full time staff and some for three full time staff; her views on whether this system is equitable; her plans to address this anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41468/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has agreed to the provision of a day to day support worker to assist with the needs of persons (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41595/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the cap for parental contribution will be maintained when TEC schemes are abolished and replaced with a new affordable child care scheme. — Bríd Smith. [41734/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number and percentage of childcare providers nationally that have signed up for the affordable childcare scheme; the number and percentage that have not yet signed up; the reason some providers have not yet signed up; the efforts underway to achieve 100% compliance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41814/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she will take to ensure the initiation of the affordable childcare scheme continues to meet requirements and provides a high quality service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41817/17]

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

*555. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the local improvement scheme has officially been reinstated on an annual basis; if it will be on a yearly basis; the funding which can be expected in 2018 towards this in counties Cavan, Meath and Monaghan; if it will be ringfenced funding to the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41287/17]

*556. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an organisation (details supplied) is not registered as a charitable organisation, if it can accept gifts. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [41408/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his plans to conduct a review of the breed restrictions in the Control of Dogs Act 1998 regulations in view of a group’s (details supplied) call to conduct a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [41753/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budget he has received to operate his department for 2017; the expected budget for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41422/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff employed by his department; the number in Dublin and Ballina, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41423/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount his department has spent since being established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41424/17]

*561. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the information technology system in his department will be upgraded to prevent the issue which occurred with the release of the Tidy Towns results on 25 September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41425/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to ongoing issues with the Tidy Towns website; and if his attention has been further drawn to the annoyance and confusion that this problem has caused Tidy Towns groups across the country in accessing adjudicators reports and the results for the 2017 competition. — Thomas Byrne. [41561/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the actual spend to date on the LEADER programme under the Rural Development Programme 2014 to 2020 in County Cork by animation, administration and project spend; the original budget allocation given to County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41628/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the funding process for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41654/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budget allocation for each urban community scheme in operation over the 2010 to 2017 period on an annual basis, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [41845/17]

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

*566. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing child benefit and the domiciliary care allowance by €5 in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41329/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the PRSI credit to €15; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41330/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of providing a Christmas bonus at 100% and 85% respectively to all long term social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41331/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person is unavailable for work for two days a month and those two days one of which is a Saturday are being used to enhance their skills and educational qualifications to MA level, the reason they are deemed unavailable for work for the entire month rather than two days and jobseeker's payment refused completely rather than for two days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41421/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [41457/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41475/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons that are on the wage subsidy scheme but that are no longer in receipt of the disability allowance and that apply for their new public services card will not lose their free travel pass. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41563/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons employed by a company (details supplied) will be automatically eligible for the free travel pass when they apply for the new public services card. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41564/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount recovered under sections 345 and 346(1) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 for each of the past 10 years in relation to maintenance recovery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41571/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount it would cost to retrospectively apply the homemakers' scheme to 1973 in order to ensure equitable access to the State pension and benefit older women. — Joan Collins. [41573/17]

*576. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeframe for the introduction of a universal pension scheme; her plans to phase in same over a number of budgets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41582/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to consider applying the homeowner's scheme respectively in order to ensure equitable access to the State pension and thereby benefit older women that took career breaks prior to 1994; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41583/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to suspend the charges to contribution cards for receipt of a State pension in 2012 until the promised total contribution reward system has been gender proofed and introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41584/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount of resources required to reverse to charges to the contribution cards for State pension in 2012 in cases in which increasing contributory thresholds impact disproportionately on women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41585/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to repeal the homemaker's disregard with credits with the credit applicable for up to ten years and applied retrospectively to 1973; if in that context, this credit could also act as a re-entry credit which would accommodate persons that wish to re-enter the workforce after a period spent caring can access to training, educational or employment supplements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41590/17]

*581. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that have been refused carer's allowance in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41604/17]

*582. 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. [41613/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the social welfare inspector that retired in Portlaoise some months ago will be replaced in view of the fact that the shortage of staff is causing long delays in processing claims for welfare benefits. — Brian Stanley. [41614/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in registering an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied); if a supplementary payment can issue in the interim in the absence of a one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41726/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [41728/17]

*586. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if legislation is required in respect of the identification card that is being rolled out, particularly in relation to the area of data

protection in view of the multiple proposed uses for this card across departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [41736/17]

*587. 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. [41737/17]

*588. 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. [41738/17]

*589. 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. [41739/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied). — Pat Breen. [41742/17]

*591. 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. [41744/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41763/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for refusal of an application by a person (details supplied) for carer's allowance; if this application will be reviewed as a matter of urgency with particular reference to the level of care provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41823/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of the additional 500 rural social scheme posts announced in budget 2017 by the former Minister for Social Protection which have been filled to date; the number that remain unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [41868/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to cap the amount of hours to eight, ten or twelve hours which BTEA (details supplied) recipients can work without being means tested and whereby hours worked in excess of the expected hours would be means tested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41872/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) whose social welfare appeal in respect of refusal of an application for disability allowance was recently allowed will receive payment of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41923/17]

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

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when construction is due to commence on the new extension to Drumshanbo fire station, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41653/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the fees payable by persons (details supplied); the rules in place regarding development charges on farm buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41690/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will extend the time period in which farmers are allowed to spread slurry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41689/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of completed tenant purchase scheme applications by each local authority since its introduction in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [41274/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing and family hubs in Dublin to date in 2017; the location of each; the number of housing and family hubs planned for the remainder of 2017 for Dublin; the proposed locations of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [41301/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the large number of elderly persons apartments unoccupied in complexes for elderly persons, for example, those in Glasanaon court and Mellows court, Finglas; if such empty bedsits or apartments can be renovated to a standard to accommodate the large number of elderly persons awaiting accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [41302/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the regulations on the allocation of council houses on medical grounds; the regulations on the prioritisation of persons with disabilities and those with medical issues that are not considered to be disabilities for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41377/17]

*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he will take to introduce affordable housing in order to allow persons on middle incomes the prospect of gaining a foothold on the property ladder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [41428/17]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether reconstituting derelict public buildings as apartments such as the former Our Lady's hospital in Ennis might make a useful contribution to the social housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [41464/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the dispute resolution procedures undertaken by the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the past five years, in tabular form; the outcome in each case; if cases are still ongoing; if so, the reason for the dispute; the duration of each dispute procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [41471/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the hardship experienced by non Irish local authority housing applicants in cases in which they have to prove they do not own property in a country they have previously resided in; if information material can be provided to applicants regarding the correct officers to contact for this information by State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [41481/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of plans to provide incentives for the conversion of commercial properties into residential accommodation nationwide. — Tony McLoughlin. [41489/17]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of the €5 billion set aside for the financing of the construction of social homes that has been spent since the announcement of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41502/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the regulation of referendum spending in view of the advent of online advertising in which money can be spent from abroad to target particular groups of voters here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [41524/17]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce a new rent to buy scheme for those seeking to purchase a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41525/17]

*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the final allocation of moneys will be made available to Limerick city and county council in relation to large project work for a group water scheme (details supplied) in County Limerick. — Tom Neville. [41560/17]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of requests within his department from both Dublin city council and Fingal county council seeking approval for employing extra staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41605/17]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he will implement to reform the commercial rates system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41615/17]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he plans to implement to ensure equitable treatment of householders on group water schemes and householders on public water supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41619/17]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when an affordable housing scheme will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41620/17]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider disregarding an increase for qualified child payments in calculating local authority and housing association differential rents as permitted under section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009; the estimated full year cost of such a change; if he will examine the methods used by local authorities and housing associations to calculate rent; and the status of his department's framework

for standardising or harmonising approaches to be adopted by local authorities in relation to various aspects of rent schemes and rent calculation. — Mick Wallace. [41684/17]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing units that have been constructed as part of plans (details supplied) since the original Limerick regeneration master plan in January 2008, in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41692/17]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units that are refurbishments of pre-existing structures (details supplied), in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41693/17]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units under construction (details supplied), in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41694/17]

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of units (details supplied) due to commence in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41695/17]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of housing units (details supplied) that have been refurbished under the thermal upgrade programme to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41696/17]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to release funding to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown county council for the refurbishment of a group of maisonettes which are almost entirely unoccupied at St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan, County Dublin. — Catherine Martin. [41769/17]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the significant amount of bureaucracy confronting local authorities that wish to construct housing (details supplied); if this process has been simplified over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [41770/17]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has requested local authorities to develop their own migrant integration strategies as envisaged by the national migrant integration strategy published by the Department of Justice and Equality earlier in 2017. — Catherine Martin. [41802/17]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if additional funding under a programme his department oversees has been provided to local authorities and local community groups in areas in which refugees have been resettled under the refugee protection programme; and if so, the amount of funding allocated by local authority and community group. — Catherine Martin. [41803/17]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the significant inequity that exists in his departmental funding of local authorities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [41812/17]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take to ensure that tenants of part five houses are not discriminated against in engaging in utilising the incremental purchase scheme. — Robert Troy. [41824/17]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps that have been taken on the provision of an affordable housing scheme for the Poolbeg SDZ as agreed by his department; the discussions that have taken place with Dublin city council regarding same; and the discussions that have taken place with developers on the progress on developing such a scheme. — Eamon Ryan. [41828/17]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the authority that polices council bye laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41829/17]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the 2005 rural planning guidelines will be completed; if it will take cognisance of the European Court decision in respect of Belgian authorities which significantly curtailed the ability of local and national governments to restrict the categories of person that might be eligible to build in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41922/17]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAON, 4 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR, 2017
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 2017**

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU Digital Summit in Tallinn, Estonia on 29 September 2017. — Gerry Adams. [41635/17]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the publication of the final national risk assessment 2017 overview of strategic risks. — Brendan Howlin. [41719/17]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on changes to his department's web; if changes are being made to merriestreet.ie. — Micheál Martin. [41863/17]

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

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the north south interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41712/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when it is expected a contract will be awarded for the national broadband scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41703/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will be attending the Bonn COP conference in November 2017; if he will be able to give a commitment that the State will meet its obligations under the Paris treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41844/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself that the broadband task force recently established by his department will sufficiently identify gaps in the provision of rural broadband particularly in areas in which only a small number of homes have not been connected by private providers; and the envisaged timeframe for identifying those anomalies and successfully providing high speed broadband to all of those homes. — Clare Daly. [41855/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the rollout of high speed broadband in County Kildare to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41710/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for the rollout of rural broadband across County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [41888/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times he has met with the mobile broadband taskforce since June 2017. — Sean Sherlock. [41961/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is conducting a review into his department's Strategy to Combat Energy Poverty 2016-2019; the way in which he plans to further reduce energy poverty in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41700/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the progress of the trading online voucher scheme which is part of the national digital strategy; the take up of the scheme; and his plans to expand or further develop the scheme. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41789/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he remains satisfied that the provisions in place and proposed remain adequate to meet the target of the provision of broadband in all areas, urban and rural without exception; if there will be a need for extra initiatives to meet shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41879/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to develop off shore wind energy in Irish waters; and the way in which he plans to integrate the transmission of connectors to such wind farms with additional electricity interconnectors to other electricity markets. — Eamon Ryan. [41905/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the impact that the reduction to two bidders will have on the national broadband plan; the way in which the agreement with a company (details supplied) has impacted on the plan; the timeframe for rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41890/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has read the research carried out by an organisation (details supplied) calling for an incentive scheme for solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity; if his department will include solar PV in any new renewable electricity support scheme to replace the existing REFIT scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41704/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address concerns that the proposed environmental levy on tyres will push consumers to procure tyres from outside of the State; the level of engagement he has had with the tyre industry, particularly in the border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41901/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the procurement status of the national broadband plan; the date by which every premises in the country will have access to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41900/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times he has met with the officials of a company (details supplied) since the signing of the agreement to provide 300,000 homes with broadband outside of the scope of the national broadband plan; the dates he met with the company; the officials which were present; and the nature of discussions. — Sean Sherlock. [41960/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the likely impact on homes in County Meath that are awaiting broadband connection in view of the recent withdrawal by a company (details supplied) from the national broadband plan procurement process. — Thomas Byrne. [41722/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason phone and mobile broadband signals in city suburbs of counties Waterford, Cork, Galway and Dublin are non existent in certain areas; and the measures he is taking to force companies to increase their work capabilities. — Sean Sherlock. [41963/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure the preservation and development of wild brown trout in lakes and rivers in circumstances in which it is indigenous; his policy towards the threat posed by pike to wild brown trout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41702/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will strengthen the national mitigation plan by including concrete actions and targets in line with Ireland's international emissions obligations and also end Ireland's reliance on purchasing emissions units further to criticisms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41705/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if micro or community lead renewable energy projects will be given access to the national electricity grid in future government legislation. — Bríd Smith. [41840/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the terms of reference for the broadband task force recently established by his department; if there will be a published report; and the timeframe for such a report. — Clare Daly. [41854/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress to date on the rural broadband scheme with particular reference to offshore islands, the populations of which rely heavily on suitable connectivity for future sustainability. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41882/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he remains satisfied that greenhouse gas reductions over the next ten years can be met; if

further provisions can be made to meet such targets without damaging industry or agriculture; the extent to which marginal lands can be used in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41880/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the national mitigation plan will be discussed in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41906/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the tendering process initiated by Eirgrid to acquire 400 pylons for the north south interconnector project before the independent expert group study has been completed. — Shane Cassells. [41886/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will direct Eirgrid to cease the tendering process to acquire 400 pylons for the north south interconnector project pending the outcome of the independent expert group study. — Shane Cassells. [41887/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to increases in charges for household waste collection in recent weeks; and if his department has considered in recent years an alternative permitting charging structure for household waste collection. — Brian Stanley. [41832/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of applications for and the number of businesses taking part in the trading online voucher scheme which is part of the national digital strategy in County Offaly, by year since its introduction. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [41788/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the commitment to provide high speed broadband to every house and business in County Donegal; the deadline for same; the number of homes and businesses which currently have access to high speed broadband; the number of additional homes and businesses which will get access to high speed broadband in 2017; the number which will get access in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41709/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether delays in the launch of the renewable heat incentive has stalled developments in the biomass industry and makes it even more likely that Ireland will fail to meet its renewable heat targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41899/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes in County Kildare that are currently without high speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [41711/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing concerns in relation to poor mobile telephone coverage in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan; if he has discussed with the Communications Regulator the need for the telecommunications companies to make the necessary investments to ensure that all areas have adequate mobile coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41852/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address concerns that Brexit will jeopardise ongoing co-operation between Northern Ireland and the State in the area of environmental management and protection; if he has engaged with his Northern Irish and UK counterparts on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41902/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the current RESS plan announced by him will encourage or facilitate disadvantaged or rural communities to participate in renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41842/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on changes with An Post, both retail and mail businesses; and the steps he plans to take in the coming months to ensure that services are protected. — Brian Stanley. [41833/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated annual funding required to enable the full implementation of the national mitigation plan published in July 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41701/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expected matters that the national dialogue on climate change will include. — Catherine Martin. [41896/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the work of the mobile phone and broadband taskforce since the publication of their report in December 2016; the progress which has been made in the implementation of their recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [41889/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when his department first announced plans to introduce the national broadband plan; the dates on which various ministers held press conferences to publicise it; the expected commencement and completion dates given by ministers at each of these press conferences; the projected commencement and completion dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41708/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the analyses that have been undertaken by his department on Irish energy prices which are one of the highest compared to other EU member states. — Brian Stanley. [41835/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has given consideration to the application by Board Na Móna to purchase a wood pellet factory in Georgia; and the way in which the government would reach a decision on such an investment. — Catherine Martin. [41897/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the work carried out to date by the pricing watchdog monitoring unit in relation to waste management; the composition of this unit; the frequency with which it has met since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41707/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the interactions his department has had with other government departments to encourage the growth of indigenous biomass further to the recent launch of Bioenergy Ireland. — Brian Stanley. [41836/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the programme for government commitment on broadband. — Michael Moynihan. [32477/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the engagement he has held with his counterpart in the United Kingdom since June 2017 on the issue of cross boarder co-operation to ensure all island broadband capability. — Sean Sherlock. [41964/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if future funding proposals for RTÉ or other networks will contain gender equality pay guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41841/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions his department will be taking concerning breaches in view of the decision of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee recommendations concerning environmental impact assessment on the Hinkley Point nuclear reactors in Britain. — Brian Stanley. [41834/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the outcome of discussions he has had with the Telecommunications Regulator and with the telecoms providers in relation to inadequate mobile telephone coverage in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41853/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he is taking to support the roll out of rapid charge points for electric vehicles. — Eamon Ryan. [41904/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the withdrawal of a company (details supplied) from the national broadband competition will result in higher costs to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41839/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Ireland's position in relation to meeting its 2020 carbon emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [41881/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which the new RESS scheme will help local communities embrace renewable energy projects such as wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41838/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the national broadband plan. — Niamh Smyth. [41903/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to address concerns that wholesale closures of post offices are imminent; his further plans for the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [41898/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason areas of the national broadband map are blue in areas of the country that denote rivers and forests indicating they are supported by companies yet the houses next to the blue areas are amber and are not supported by broadband such as in Cloyne, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [41962/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will refrain from issuing future licences for oil or gas exploration in view of the State's commitments under the Paris treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41837/17]