



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Chancellor Merkel recently. — Micheál Martin. [40409/17]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to President Macron recently. — Seán Haughey. [40539/17]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Guy Verhofstadt MEP on 21 September 2017. — Joan Burton. [40730/17]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Chancellor Merkel recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41674/17]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Guy Verhofstadt and the issues raised. — Brendan Howlin. [41718/17]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to other EU leaders recently on Ireland and Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [41866/17]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the functions that have been delegated to Ministers of State assigned to his department. — Brendan Howlin. [41720/17]
10. 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]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly formed Cabinet Committees. — Michael Moynihan. [40543/17]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the reorganisation of the Cabinet Committee system. — Gerry Adams. [41637/17]
13. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the reform of Seanad Éireann. — Michael Moynihan. [40544/17]

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

15. 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]

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

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

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

19. 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]

20. 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]

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

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

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

22. 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. [42100/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether he has sufficient control of the tender process of the national broadband plan to ensure that each household will have high speed broadband; if the date for completion will not be excessive; if the cost to the State will not be excessive; and his views on whether there will be potential legal difficulties. — Brian Stanley. [42025/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the procurement status of the national broadband plan; the date by which all premises in the country will have access to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [42101/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether the national broadband plan will deliver actual broadband; the number of times he or his officials have met with tender companies for the project; the dates those meetings took place on; and the reason one competitor dropped out of the tender process. — Sean Sherlock. [42026/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on concerns that the national mitigation strategy will fail to sufficiently reduce Ireland's carbon emissions resulting in significant fines from the European Union and dangerous weather change worldwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [42134/17]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

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

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*84. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for Seanad reform. — Brendan Howlin. [41721/17]

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

\*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to expand the EGFSN to include the HGV mechanics in view of the fact there appears to be a shortage of this skilled labour here. — Anne Rabbitte. [42088/17]

\*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a breach of labour law has occurred in the case of former employee of an organisation (details supplied) who is concerned that their claims have not yet been investigated but have been relieved of their responsibilities in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42132/17]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if help is available to persons that drew down their first tranche of mortgage before July 2016 for a self build house which was concluded in early 2017 in

view of the fact that they appear to be excluded from the help to buy scheme under its current terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42177/17]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homes lost or that are being examined as possible losses as a result of overcharging on tracker mortgages, by lender, to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42006/17]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce a tax allowance for the parents of children that are working to bring it in line with the child dependents allowance of €29.80 per week (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42015/17]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which a change to the rules to include the warehoused element of a split mortgage as a non performing loan would alter the capital requirements of each Irish bank in view of the ECB's capitalisation rules and buffers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42020/17]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposal from a group (details supplied) regarding the introduction of a foreign minimum tax requirement in tandem with the proposed reduction in the US corporate tax rate to 20%; if he has conducted a risk impact assessment of these proposed changes to the economy here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42022/17]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has written to or spoken to his counterpart in the US administration in relation to President Trump's plans to change the way in which US corporate tax operates; and if so, if his department officials are preparing a response to same. — Micheál Martin. [41865/17]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if the help to buy incentive scheme will be extended to first time buyers that purchase a second hand house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42068/17]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to address alleged cartel like activity in the insurance industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42077/17]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine a request by an organisation (details supplied); his plans regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42099/17]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the valuations on the remaining distressed assets at IBRC; when valuations were last done; the timeframe that has been set for disposing of these distressed assets; the estimated costs associated with this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42117/17]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on farm incoming averaging whereby either the farmer or spouse have a second income from self employment; if a threshold can be introduced whereby the income average can apply rather than excluding due to the fact that in some situations it may be a small amount of self employment income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42122/17]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the income received by each garda station that has a telecoms mast on site that sublets space on that mast to other companies to use and or take a fixing on for each of the past five years, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41999/17]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the closed garda stations that have been repurposed for another use by location and by the nature of their use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42001/17]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works obtained recent updated valuations for the closed garda stations it has responsibility for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [42003/17]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has put a hold on its plans to sell the remaining garda stations that have been closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42004/17]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures to be taken by the OPW in relation to a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42046/17]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when persons (details supplied) will receive benefits under the garda spouse and children scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42071/17]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if semi State bodies are obliged to give tenders to Irish companies if prices are comparative with foreign companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42097/17]

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

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has satisfied himself that fire safety regulations have been met for the absolute safety of the pupils and staff at a school (details supplied) in view of his department's recent announcement to carry out fire safety audits at an additional 31 schools, all built in recent years by a company at the centre of fire safety breaches identified at another six schools. — Niamh Smyth. [41989/17]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a building project will be examined with a view to having the works completed in view of the fact progress on the project appears to be slow (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [41990/17]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) will be placed on the correct pay scale which they are seeking since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42018/17]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if refunds will be issued; if an additional service will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42075/17]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to develop the SPHE curriculum to ensure it is as inclusive and diverse as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42078/17]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to undertake a fire safety audit of all schools and buildings under the remit of his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42079/17]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the capitation grant to primary schools will be increased to bring it in line with that provided to post primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42080/17]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children in primary schools in the Navan school catchment area; the number of secondary school places that exist in the town; and the planned numbers in both sectors for each of the next five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [42120/17]

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

\*113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the security situation of persons (details supplied); his views on these cases and the use of criminal charges to obstruct the work of human rights defenders; and if he will raise the issue with his Honduran counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [42019/17]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on negotiations in Northern Ireland. — Micheál Martin. [41861/17]

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

\*115. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41992/17]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an investigation took place into the intervention by a person (details supplied) into a case which led to that case's collapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [42037/17]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority; the timeframe for the implementation of the various functions for the authority as set down in legislation; the number of statutory instruments which will be forthcoming; his views on concerns that arise with respect to staffing and the delivery of independent and effective regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [42042/17]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons waiting for a first instance decision on a protection application from the International Protection Office; the average amount of time it is taking to get a first instance decision on a protection application from the Office; the average amount of time to get an oral interview after lodging a protection application with the Office; the number of refugee, subsidiary protection and permission to remain applications granted since 1 January 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42043/17]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the use of the court poor box for penalty point offences in view of the fact that it is still happening in some courts despite a High Court ruling in February 2014 against the practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42063/17]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the commitment the government has give on holding referendums on blasphemy, women in the home and divorce. — Micheál Martin. [41643/17]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of incidents since 2007 in which sums of money, confiscated money or evidence in a case were found to be missing, stolen or lost from a garda station by the amount of missing, stolen or lost money involved, the date it was reported and the garda station involved. — Sean Sherlock. [42113/17]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and type of firearms, ammunition and related items reported stolen or lost in each of the years 2014 to 2016; and the reason these figures were excluded from the 2015 and 2016 annual reviews of the Operation of the Firearms Acts. — Sean Sherlock. [42114/17]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of unaccompanied minors that have been relocated here under the refugee protection programme in each of the past twelve months; the country of origin of each; the date on which they were relocated here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [42127/17]

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

\*124. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has been liaising with local authorities regarding the culling of seagulls in Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [42126/17]

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

\*125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with intellectual disabilities under 65 years of age that live in nursing homes in County Wexford. — James Browne. [41395/17]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted to hospital for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41996/17]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Health if he held discussions with a hospital (details supplied) in respect of proposals to help build capacity at the facility into the future; the schedule being followed in respect of consideration of the matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42000/17]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that one of the three surgeons in Portiuncula hospital is possibly seeking an official transfer to university college hospital Galway (details supplied); the person that signed off on same; and his views on whether this is a downgrading of services at Portiuncula hospital. — Anne Rabbitte. [42009/17]



\*129. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen the 20 closed beds in St John's hospital, Limerick to help alleviate the overcrowding problem in university hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [42023/17]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Health if an occupational therapist report for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42033/17]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Health when a re-evaluation will be carried out on the drug kuvan for persons with PKU under the reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [42039/17]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the drug kuvan also known as sapropterin for the treatment of those effected by phenylketonuria here; and when persons may avail of this treatment. — Mick Wallace. [42040/17]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [42047/17]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [42048/17]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the family are in the process of seeking medical attention in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42049/17]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited with an organisation for a person (details supplied) that has been on the waiting list for two years. — Niamh Smyth. [42052/17]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of business cases in County Clare being held for persons with intellectual disabilities that require emergency residential placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [42056/17]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to combine the data on road traffic collision casualties held by hospitals and general practitioners; the status of the reporting of serious injuries from road traffic collisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42062/17]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the commitment in the programme for government to develop services and specialities to support persons with mental health difficulties; and if he will further report on the commitment to implement the national dementia strategy. — Micheál Martin. [41862/17]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the commitment the government has given on holding a referendum on the Eighth Amendment. — Micheál Martin. [41643/17]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Health if the homecare package for a person (details supplied) can be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42074/17]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug kuvan will be made available for the treatment of PKU (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [42076/17]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing foetal anomaly scans to all pregnant women in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42084/17]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend by CAMHS in each of the years 2012 to 2016 by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42085/17]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for the first assessment for qualification for children's physiotherapy services in County Kildare and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42086/17]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for their first assessment for possible qualification with the speech and language therapy department in County Kildare and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42087/17]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Health if he has approved a measure (details supplied) used for assessing persons for home care supports and packages at university college hospital Galway; the scoring system with regard to community supports; and the way in which low, medium and high carer vulnerability is decided. — Anne Rabbitte. [42094/17]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Health if he approved a measure (details supplied) used for assessing persons for home care supports and packages at university college hospital Galway at the time it was approved; the person that approved it; and if it operates in other counties. — Anne Rabbitte. [42095/17]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the routine, significant, critical and multiple care needs are being defined by the home care forum group of university college hospital Galway and the HSE. — Anne Rabbitte. [42096/17]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Health the additional clinics in place to deal with the waiting list in south County Galway in view of the difficulty in recruiting a community ophthalmologist to ensure that children are seen in a timely manner, taking cognisance of clinical need and clinical urgency, in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number on the waiting list for 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively. — Anne Rabbitte. [42098/17]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the World Health Organisation protocol on monitoring food and beverage marketing to children via television and the internet; the estimated extent and nature of children's exposure to marketing for HFSS foods via television and the internet as per the protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42105/17]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the new nutrition standards under the school meals local projects scheme to other non funded schools; the steps he will take to seek compliance with these standards by other schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42106/17]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Health the foodstuffs and beverages covered and reimbursable under the new nutrition standards under the school meals local projects scheme; if there is documentation



and guidance being provided to schools additional to the standards themselves to provide clarity on the foodstuffs and beverages that will be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42107/17]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no physiotherapy service in the Erris peninsula; the reason this is the case; and the steps he is taking to alleviate the problem. — Dara Calleary. [42110/17]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person's (details supplied) echocardiogram appointments are being rearranged on a regular basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [42111/17]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the situation whereby pharmacists prescriptions in some cases request the person to come back on a weekly basis even though they have a monthly prescription; if there are additional payments available to the pharmacists for filling the prescriptions on a phased basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [42115/17]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42116/17]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health if contracts of employment will be offered to all eleven 2017 mental health nurse graduates that wish to remain in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [42121/17]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 156 of 27 September 2017, if the 2015 circular on sleepover pay rates and its funding in the 2015 service plan applies to all HSE funded section 39 organisations in the sector; and if section 39 organisations are in his view the private sector providers as indicated in his response to parliamentary question number 466 of 20 September 2017. — Clare Daly. [42128/17]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 156 of 27 September 2017, if the 2015 circular on sleepover pay rates and its funding in the 2015 service plan applies to all HSE funded section 39 organisations in the sector; and if section 39 organisations are in his view the private sector providers. — Clare Daly. [42129/17]

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

\*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to amend the flood relief scheme for farmers in County Donegal administered by his department. — Pearse Doherty. [41993/17]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to amend the flood relief scheme for farmers in County Donegal in response to the concerns of farmer representative organisations; and if he will ensure that all categories of farmers are fully compensated for their losses. — Pearse Doherty. [41994/17]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure that a payment in relation to ANC due to a person (details supplied) is issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41997/17]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the commonage implementation committee will make a recommendation in respect of persons (details supplied) applying for GLAS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42010/17]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the refusal of his department to provide the Aquaculture Licensing Appeals Board with the accident reports produced by the Marine Institute in relation to the catastrophic results of the storm events of 1 February 2014 on a salmon farm (details supplied) without an assurance from the appeals board that the reports would be kept confidential and were drafts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [42011/17]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he took against the operators of a fish farm (details supplied) as a result of the failure of the operators of a fish farm in a location to notify his department of the catastrophic farm damage on 1 February 2014 until a week later. — Clare Daly. [42012/17]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location, time and mortalities caused by jellyfish to salmon farms here in the past three years and to date in 2017; and the measures he plans to take to ensure the welfare and survival of farmed fish. — Clare Daly. [42013/17]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location and stocking limits of the fin fish farms; the operators of same previously licensed by his department that are now unlicensed and operating under the continuity mechanism introduced in 2006 under section 19(A)4 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, while awaiting new licences. — Clare Daly. [42014/17]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department will complete the works on the breakwater at Greencastle harbour, County Donegal to ensure safe access to the harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42034/17]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department has made a submission to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to ensure that Greencastle harbour, County Donegal can be further developed under the capital plan 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42035/17]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided for the development of Leenan pier, Inishowen, County Donegal; if Donegal county council will be advised to make an application in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42036/17]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department will complete the works on the breakwater at Greencastle harbour, County Donegal to ensure safe access to the harbour. — Martin Ferris. [42053/17]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his department has made a submission to the Minister for Finance to ensure that Greencastle harbour, County Donegal can be further developed under the capital plan 2016 to 2021. — Martin Ferris. [42054/17]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided for the development of Leenan pier, Inishowen, County Donegal; and if Donegal county council will be advised to make an application in this regard. — Martin Ferris. [42055/17]

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

\*175. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Communications, Climate Action and Environment cé mhéad duine atá ar Bhord TG4, an mó folúntas atá ann faoi láthair, agus cad é an plean agus an clár ama atá ag an Aire chun aon fholúntas a líonadh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42005/17]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to extend the rollout of the efibre network to a commercial property (details supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [41998/17]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to review the code of conduct which was devised applying to all on demand audio visual service providers operating here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [42104/17]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which high speed good quality broadband is likely to become available throughout the country over the next three years; the extent to which this is likely to affect County Kildare with particular reference to existing black spots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42181/17]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he remains committed to achieving previously set targets in respect of greenhouse gas reduction; if he has satisfied himself with the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42182/17]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which he directly or through the medium of ComReg, influences the quality and coverage for mobile phones with particular reference to his own experience in these issues in view of the need to achieve an even and reliable quality of service in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42183/17]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has had discussions with ComReg or service providers with a view to improving the quality and availability of the mobile telephone service throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42184/17]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which he expects electric cars to replace conventional motor vehicles over the next ten years; if adequate charging facilities are likely to be readily available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42185/17]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he will take to speed up the provision of broadband services through the medium of fibre optics throughout County Kildare with particular reference to known black spots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42186/17]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps taken or likely to be taken by his department in the future to combat the effects of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42188/17]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he has identified and hopes to achieve targets in relation to action to combat climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42189/17]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself that alternative energy production targets can be achieved on time in the course of future years with particular reference to the need to comply with international agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42190/17]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which his department continues to plan to utilise existing natural resources and invest for the future in his regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42191/17]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which reliance on landfill waste disposal facilities continues to be monitored with particular reference to the utilisation of best practice in terms of reduce, reuse, recycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42192/17]

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

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position of TII on a matter (details supplied) regarding the Kilcornan traffic calming scheme. — Tom Neville. [42032/17]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of issuing a motor tax certificate for those that apply online; the cost of an over the counter application; if this is comparative to the extra cost which is applied to those that tax their vehicles quarterly and six monthly compared to yearly; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [42016/17]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is examining the capital expenditure needed to improve road infrastructure which would also include road safety measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42044/17]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received a more detailed breakdown of the report from the Department of Justice and Equality on An Garda Síochána's report regarding the inflated breath test figures by district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42045/17]

\*193. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt an bhfuil cinneadh déanta aige ar an iarratas atá déanta faoin Deontas Caipitil Spóirt do 2017 ag club iomartha i gContae na Gaillimhe (sonraí tugtha); mura bhfuil, cén uair a bheidh cinneadh déanta ag an Aire agus cén uair a bheidh na deontais faoin Deontas Caipitil Spóirt do 2017 á bhfógairt aige; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42051/17]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when penalty points for drivers holding a mobile phone while driving will be increased as discussed during the Dáil Éireann debate on the Road Traffic Bill in December 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42059/17]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if officials in his department are working on the consolidation of the Road Traffic Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42060/17]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding disqualified drivers returning their licences to the Road Safety Authority's post office box in Cork in view of the fact that figures from the RSA revealed that 98% of disqualified drivers are not surrendering their licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [42061/17]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the proposed Boyneside cycle way trail project for Drogheda and east County Meath (details supplied); if the necessary funds will be made available to progress the project to boost tourism and physical activity in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42092/17]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) by his department and State agencies under his remit; the fees charged for each contract; the State agency involved in each contract; the nature of each contract in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [42093/17]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 39 of 28 June 2017, the start date for the public consultation process that is to take place as part of the review of the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order 1973. — Clare Daly. [42118/17]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a letter sent by the UK Civil Aviation Authority to a company (details supplied) and the enforcement action launched against the same company by the UK CAA; and if he has queried with the IAA whether it has done or plans to do the same. — Clare Daly. [42119/17]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by a club (details supplied) for a sports capital grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42172/17]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by a club (details supplied) for a sports capital grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42173/17]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by a club (details supplied) for a sports capital grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42174/17]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of an application by a club (details supplied) for a sports capital grant. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42175/17]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has issued an instruction to the Commission for Aviation Regulation to liaise with the civil aviation authority in the UK in respect of a Europe wide issue with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42176/17]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it would be beneficial to have an integrated statutory body responsible for all modes of public transport and roads infrastructure in the region that acts separately from TII and the NRA in view of the size and demographics of the greater Dublin area transport area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42179/17]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will announce sport capital grants funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42180/17]

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

\*208. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the workings of the affordable child care scheme to allow for full crèche entitlement (details supplied) for those attending on non consecutive days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42002/17]

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

\*209. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the limits he has put on the costings for administration by local authorities on works to be carried out under the local improvement schemes to ensure as many roads as possible are repaired under the scheme to the highest standard possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42038/17]

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

\*210. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a carer’s allowance has been cut from a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42057/17]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive payment of a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [41995/17]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) that was assessed by a social welfare inspector in June 2017 is still awaiting an outcome on their disability allowance application; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the inspector’s report was never submitted to the disability allowance section to date and that this person applied for the allowance in October 2016; and if the report can be located. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [42007/17]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a disability allowance payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [42024/17]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in respect of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when matters



are likely to be brought to a conclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42041/17]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined who has been placed on two different back to work schemes but has been told they can only accept certain offers and have reluctantly had to turn down a number of suitable offers; if their social welfare payments can be affected if they refuse to accept a place on a scheme they do not wish to participate in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [42050/17]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason an organisation (details supplied) was not invited to make a business case to Pobal for funding from the community services programme; the steps it should take in order that the organisation can meet the criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConologue. [42058/17]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures that are in place to protect adoptees whose attention has not been drawn to their adoption in cases in which they apply for the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [42072/17]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason adoptees have to provide a copy of their birth certificate when applying for the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [42073/17]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the protocols that will be in place if under the new nutrition standards as part of the school meals programme, a school exceeds the numbers of days in a week that it provides a food stuff or beverage that does not meet the standards; if funding will be stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42108/17]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if recipe submission by schools is a requirement as part of the school meals programme funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42109/17]

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

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend the period of time for slurry spreading for a time of at least 30 days due to the adverse weather conditions experienced in 2017 in order to allow farmers to effectively and efficiently spread slurry on their lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [42178/17]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he expects new guidelines in respect of wind turbines, wind farms or solar energy farms to become effective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42187/17]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the decisions made by An Bord Pleanála countrywide in each of the years 2012 to 2016 that were contrary to the inspector's report. — Tom Neville. [41991/17]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason it is taking Sligo county council over two and half years to advance the proposed 20 unit housing development at Carrowbunnaun, Strandhill, County Sligo to beyond stage 1 of development; the further reason the other housing developments planned for County Sligo are also developing slowly; if funding and resources are the reason for this slow pace; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [42008/17]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the housing lists in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan and Donegal in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [42021/17]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the commitment the government has given on holding referendums on reducing the voting age to 16, direct election of executive mayors and extending the franchise at Presidential elections. — Micheál Martin. [41643/17]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if financial assistance is available for persons to install filters for private wells; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [42112/17]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views regarding persons objecting to planning applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42124/17]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the use to which the statistics his office receive from the RTB and PRTB are put; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [42125/17]

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

\*230. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the way in which the superannuation benefits of Defence Forces commissioned officers that are PRSI class A contributors are integrated with the range of social welfare benefits to include the payment of the State pension (contributory). — Dara Calleary. [42089/17]

\*231. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the arrangements that are applied in cases in which Defence Forces commissioned officers are forced to retire mandatorily on age grounds in advance of the eligibility and payment of the State pension (contributory). — Dara Calleary. [42090/17]

\*232. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the arrangements in place for Defence Forces commissioned officers that joined the Defence Forces since 1 January 2013 under the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 factoring the unique mandatory retirement ages imposed by Defence Forces regulations and alignment with the entitlement of the State pension (contributory) for those that accrue 30 years of PRSI class A contributions. — Dara Calleary. [42091/17]

\*233. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of chemical risk assessments on record with the Air Corps group formation health and safety office. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [42130/17]



\*234. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if chemical health and safety training is provided to new recruits and cadets as part of their basic training; and if not, if it will be made mandatory as soon as possible. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [42131/17]

\*235. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for a cycle lane at the Curragh, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42171/17]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 2017**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will liaise with the stakeholders involved with Claremount Stadium in Navan, County Meath regarding its proposed sale in order for this national athletic facility to continue to serve Irish athletics and local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [42150/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects to be in a position to identify his priorities in respect of the capital sports grant programme, major or minor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42152/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has issued an instruction to the Commission for Aviation Regulation to liaise with the civil aviation authority in the UK in respect of a Europe wide issue with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42163/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the decision of the NTA to award a company (details supplied) 10% of existing Dublin Bus routes; and the way in which this will improve the services for persons that use these routes. — Bríd Smith. [42136/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the IAA remains the first choice as competent authority under EU Regulation 598/14; if not, the reason therefor; and when the decision will be finalised in the context of the ongoing development of the new runway at Dublin Airport. — Clare Daly. [42143/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the intervention he will take if Irish Rail workers decide to strike in October 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42147/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he plans to take to protect the rights of a company's (details supplied) passengers that have been impacted by flight cancellations; if he will consider a review of regulations in the sector which include a protection for workers' rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42164/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the various industrial disputes in the UK in recent years involving bus workers and a company (details

supplied) that has recently been successful in its tender application for 10% of Dublin Bus routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [42028/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Bonagee link road project in County Donegal; when this project is likely to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41975/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will seek funding to invest in the development of the Fingal coastal cycleway to link Balbriggan to the Dublin coastal cycleway in Sutton; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42162/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to deal with the significant financial shortfall in Iarnród Éireann especially with regard to the capital budget for the rail network; and his views on whether closing certain rail lines is a potential solution. — Robert Troy. [41967/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of funding he requested in budget 2018 to move the metro north project forward; his views on the project; the progress to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42161/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of his consideration of the removal of the slip road tolls in Drogheda in view of his recent visit to the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42155/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will increase the tourism marketing budget to mitigate the decline in visitor numbers from the UK; and his plans to implement a business support fund to aid small to medium tourism businesses affected by the decline in visitors from Britain. — Robert Troy. [41968/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase the number of audible announcements on public transport. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [41976/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the recent closure of a number of Bus Éireann routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [42146/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the planned transfer of ownership of Dún Laoghaire harbour to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42168/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the potential pending strike by railway workers in Iarnród Éireann. — Joan Collins. [42064/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to his commitment earlier in 2017 to conduct an internal review in his department of the international legal implications of the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons, and Dangerous Goods) Order SI 224 1973, the details of discussions he has had on the timeframe and scope of the review; the progress made to date on the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41965/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress on the southern distributor route, the new ring road for Athy; the work ongoing in his department on the project; the timeframe for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42156/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the A5; the details of his engagement with his counterparts in Northern Ireland on this project; the funding which will be made available for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [41974/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will assure workers in Irish Rail and the travelling public that the government does not support the closure of any of the existing rail network or lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42135/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is a cap on the amount of funding that can be provided in financial support in respect of the Rugby World Cup 2023 tournament budget; if an advance of funds including loans to a tournament company for the purposes of staging the tournament have a ceiling limit; the way in which support to a person in respect of a proposal by that person to purchase commercial rights will be handled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42158/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the ongoing crisis at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [42141/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans, proposals and timeframe to provide transport infrastructure to facilitate the development of an SDZ at Clonburris, County Dublin with 8,500 homes supporting an estimated population of approximately 21,000 persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [41985/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the NTA's plans to consider rail prices in County Kildare for 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [42148/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide an overview of his submission to the mid term review of the capital plan; and his views on whether the capital budget for transport infrastructure is adequate. — Robert Troy. [41970/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the allocation provided for the 2017 sports capital programme grants; the number of applications that have been received for 2017; the number of these applications that have been successful; and the average grant award. — Imelda Munster. [42154/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding available for the completion of the Portlaoise orbital route; and if this project will be included in capital funding going forward. — Brian Stanley. [41978/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the NTA's decision to tender out 10% of Dublin Bus routes to a company (details supplied) will improve bus services in view of the fact that in a written reply to a question the agency cited studies that are over

ten and 16 years old to support their case for competitive tendering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42138/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the unforeseen recent announcement by Bus Éireann to discontinue four routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [42030/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the upgrading of the N2 road will feature on the forthcoming mid term capital review in view of statements he made on 23 February 2017 in Dáil Éireann regarding same. — Thomas Byrne. [41972/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the regulation of rickshaws; when the results of the National Transport Authority's public consultation will be reported to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41981/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his preferred strategy and approach in facilitating the construction of a third terminal at Dublin Airport in view of ongoing concerns regarding capacity and congestion at the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42153/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the health and safety requirements in place for the private operator of 10% of the Dublin Bus routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [42145/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the future of Bus Éireann following the recent crisis and closure of several routes is best served by a policy of competitive tendering for 10% of its existing network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42139/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the progress of general safety works and the appointment of design consultant for the proposed overbridge on the Piltown bypass on the N24; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [41988/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase the funding allocation to Meath county council for the community involvement scheme for the restoration and upgrading of local roads and lanes in view of its positive take up. — Thomas Byrne. [41973/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the detail of the ten permits issued by his department for transport of munitions of war through Ireland en route to or from Kuwait and Qatar in August 2017 and the six permits for same between 4 and 12 September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [42144/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagements he has had with the Irish Aviation Authority and the Commission for Aviation Regulation regarding the ongoing situation with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [42157/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that ongoing industrial unrest within the transport unions is having both operational impact

upon bus services on many Kildare to Dublin routes, due to cancellations and no shows and is also hampering planned service extensions such as the ten minute DART and planned additional off peak service on the Sallins to Hazelhatch to Grand Canal dock routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42066/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if in co-operation with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment he will elaborate a policy for the expansion of public transport and the radical reduction of public transport fares in order to avert the possibility of fines being imposed on Ireland for not reaching its CO2 emission targets by 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [42029/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the decision to allow the DART underground railway order to lapse was a mistake that could ultimately waste millions of euro; and the progress being made on redesigning a lower cost solution to the tunnel portion. — Robert Troy. [41969/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider investing in an express train service between Wexford town and Dublin to facilitate commuting and help mitigate climate change; if his department has carried out a cost benefit analysis of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [41966/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to address the shortfall of chefs within the hospitality sector. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [42149/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the possible route the M20 Cork to Limerick may take; if his attention has been drawn to the importance of the construction of the motorway via Mallow, Charleville and Buttevant for social, economic and environmental reasons; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the construction of this motorway on another route would have a detrimental effect on the entire economic development of the western corridor; and if he will liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to this effect. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [42167/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he met a campaign group over summer 2017, in relation to the N59 in Galway; the result of the meeting; the actions he has taken to address the issues raised by the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41987/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures his department has taken to ensure the protection of the rights of passengers that booked flights with a company (details supplied) that have subsequently been cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [42027/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to address the substantial price difference for persons travelling from Newbridge rail station compared to Sallins station just seven kilometres away; his further plans to reduce the fares for adults families or students in view of the need to encourage as many persons as possible to use public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42133/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expenditure by his department in new or improved Irish Rail rolling stock and on station extensions including car parking facilities in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42067/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to re-establish CERT to ensure adequate training resources in the catering sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30220/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will approach the dispute between Irish Rail and its workers in a different and more engaged manner than he did previous disputes with Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann with a view to resolving the dispute before industrial action is taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42159/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will progress the east west link road for the local economy of east County Cavan and the surrounding areas. — Niamh Smyth. [42170/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has had discussions with the Commission on Aviation Regulation and the IAA in regard to the potential safety implications of atypical working conditions for pilots at some Irish airlines. — Clare Daly. [42140/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding implementation of the Industrial Relations Commission recommendations for Bus Éireann; and the commitments he made to management and unions during the recent industrial dispute. — Robert Troy. [41971/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the routes tendered to a company (details supplied) will be affected by this transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42137/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will release funding that is being withheld by the government to the Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI); his views on whether the OCI is taking all measures possible to improve its corporate governance; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that continuing to withhold this funding will have a detrimental effect on athletes' preparations for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [42166/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he has identified the most strategic and urgently required arterial road replacement and improvements projects; the extent to which these projects are or can be included in the capital programme; the extent to which it is expected that these projects will assist the free flow of traffic and improve the travel time locally or nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42151/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the meetings he held on the Rugby World Cup bid. — Michael Moynihan. [41383/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has requested increased funding to be included in budget 2018 in order to increase the subvention for public transport companies such as Dublin Bus, Irish Rail and Bus Éireann in order to improve services and reduce costs for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [42160/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the rights of Dublin Bus workers transferring into a company (details supplied) in view of the company's track record of industrial relations issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42165/17]



62. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason that neither a statutory instrument nor primary legislation has been introduced to give effect to EU Regulation 598/14 in relation to the establishment of a competent authority to deal with aircraft noise. — Clare Daly. [42142/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a directional sign for Athy can be provided at the M7/M9 intersection to ensure that traffic travelling to Athy can exit at this junction in view of the fact that Athy is not signposted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [42169/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to secure financing of the electrification of the two commuter railway lines from Dublin to north Kildare; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it would significantly enhance the capacity of this area to provide housing on residentially zoned land that can access Dublin city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [40355/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the new card style drivers' licences will be used to electronically record penalty point convictions and disqualifications; the necessary measures to be taken to allow this information be accessed by relevant State bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [41986/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will prioritise funding to relieve the major traffic bottleneck on the N80 in County Laois to improve connectivity from the west and the midlands to the south east. — Brian Stanley. [42065/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a complaint made to the Health and Safety Authority regarding alleged unsafe practice by a company (details supplied) with regard to the training of drivers in the operation of the new routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [42031/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the reintroduction of the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41979/17]