



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach the membership of the Cabinet Committee F (National Security). — John Lahart. [50147/17]

2. To ask the Taoiseach the ministers and officials that attend meetings of Cabinet Committee F (National Security). — Gerry Adams. [51914/17]

3. To ask the Taoiseach the reason during Leaders' Questions on both 14 and 15 November 2017 he stated that the Department of Justice and Equality was informed of the legal strategy of the then Garda Commissioner at the O'Higgins Commission after the cross examination of a person (details supplied) had taken place, in view of the fact that this cross examination took place on 18 May 2015 and the former Minister for Justice and Equality informed the House on 21 November 2017 that she became aware of the legal strategy in general terms through an email on 15 May 2015, the same day the attention of the person was drawn to the legal strategy. — Alan Kelly. [50205/17]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have received feedback on the search he requested to be done in the Department of Justice and Equality; if his officials have been in contact with the department regarding same. — Micheál Martin. [50532/17]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the timeframe and scope for the enquiry to be carried out by a person (details supplied) on the Department of Justice and Equality. — Eamon Ryan. [51716/17]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his officials have received reports on the search he requested to be carried out in the Department of Justice and Equality in relation to information pertaining to the Disclosures Tribunal; and if he will report on the results of the search. — Paul Murphy. [51998/17]

7. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to change the structure and management of his department. — Joan Burton. [50327/17]

8. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for structural and management changes in his department. — Gerry Adams. [51686/17]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the number of political staff he has now appointed; and his plans for further appointments. — Brendan Howlin. [51722/17]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Brendan Howlin. [50471/17]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the functions of the parliamentary liaison unit in his department. — Gerry Adams. [51687/17]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Joan Burton. [51728/17]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he has written to Prime Minister May since he requested a written commitment by the British on the way in which trade would continue here after Northern Ireland has left the customs union and single market as a result of Brexit. — Micheál Martin. [50533/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May regarding Northern Ireland recently. — Micheál Martin. [50534/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to Prime Minister May since 29 November 2017 in relation to the Brexit divorce bill and the upcoming EU Council meeting. — Micheál Martin. [51710/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with Prime Minister May on Northern Ireland. — Brendan Howlin. [51721/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent contact with Prime Minister May regarding Northern Ireland. — Joan Burton. [51726/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the British Prime Minister, Ms Theresa May, since 17 November 2017. — Gerry Adams. [51915/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if there were discussions regarding the future of east west relations post Brexit when he was speaking with Prime Minister May. — Micheál Martin. [51994/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the issues he is planning to raise at next European Council meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50598/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the matters he intends to raise at the next meeting of the European Council. — Gerry Adams. [51688/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the forthcoming European Council meeting. — Joan Burton. [51727/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Donald Tusk; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [51993/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with European leaders in advance of the next EU Council meeting in December 2017. — Brendan Howlin. [51999/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the process by which the strategic communications unit identifies items for publication and promotion; if all government departments and State agencies are potentially eligible; and if news must be positive in order to achieve coverage. — James Lawless. [51699/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his planned visits abroad in the next six months. — Brendan Howlin. [51723/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide copies of the submissions made by him and his office to the British government regarding the A5 project, in particular the phase 1a section of the road project beyond Sion Mills which will facilitate the Donegal connection to the A5; and when these submissions were made as referred to in a media report (details supplied). — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [51802/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet Committee B (Social Policy and Public Services) last met; and when it will meet again. — Brendan Howlin. [52001/17]

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

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

29. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when primary schools will be notified of a payment date for funding under the minor works grant scheme. — Thomas Byrne. [52198/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he plans to ensure schools and teachers are resourced to support children that are homeless across the school system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [52197/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on concerns being expressed that there are more special needs assistants than members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [52199/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether it is acceptable that seven members of the board of a school (details supplied) had to go to court in order to protect the school's playing pitches and the public investment into the school; the actions he will take in regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52201/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question 132 of 25 October 2017, the number of outstanding appeals at Caranua; the length of time those appeals are outstanding; if the delay involves cases being held up by an appeals officer awaiting a decision of the High Court, cases determined and either upheld by the appeals office or referred back to Caranua for further consideration, new cases in response to which Caranua has advised the appeals office that they will not take part in the appeals process until the High Court Case or another reason; the correspondence procedure in place to notify applicants of the delays; when it is expected the backlog will be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52202/17]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

34. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the provision of school buildings and facilities in the Pelletstown, Navan Road and Ashtown areas of west Dublin. — Ruth Coppinger. [52016/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a school (details supplied) Dublin 9; its status and designation going forward in order to allow it continue its long established

work with students with visual impairment and with students with learning difficulties. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [51978/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he is planning to address the current and potential teacher shortages in STEM subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51902/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the efforts he has made to ensure that the playing pitches at a school (details supplied) will be available for the children of that school into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52012/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reallocate the school completion programme back to the remit of his department from the remit of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, specifically Tusla, due to its relevance to the education portfolio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51804/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of moneys due to NUIG in view of the confirmation given by the Comptroller and Auditor General to the PAC on 6 April 2017 that the financial statements of NUIG recognised an amount of €17.5 million due from a foundation to the university at 30 September 2014 in relation to capital projects in 2011; if that sum has been paid in full or in part; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52019/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on reports that the cost of increasing the number of the number of school special needs assistants to acceptable levels is a matter of concern to the Department of Finance and to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [50189/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has satisfied himself with the progress on the creation of a university for the south east; if he has satisfied himself with the progress of the proposed acquisition of land for a new IT Carlow campus in County Wexford; if either will address the third level educational deficit faced by persons in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52009/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider a continuous assessment element of all Leaving Certificate exam subjects as part of the Leaving Certificate reform; and his plans to consider introducing a life skills class alongside the new syllabus subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51803/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reconsider his department’s refusal to fund a new space at a school (details supplied) for resource teaching; and his further plans to reconsider his refusal to a previous request that his officials have a face to face meeting with the principal and board of management of the school. — Mick Barry. [52002/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on recent reports that only six graduates are in training to be physics teachers. — Thomas Byrne. [51819/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he will take to protect the playing pitches for the students of a school (details supplied) into the future in view of his department’s investment in the school over the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52014/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to implement the recommendations of the recent review of the fund for students with disabilities; and the timeframe for same. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [51822/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the Department of the Taoiseach's strategy statement commitment in relation to the action plan on education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49419/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take in offering additional supports to the higher education sector, in view of the recent university rankings which saw Ireland achieve just one university in the top 200 whilst Scotland with a similar population achieved five of its colleges in the top rankings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [49613/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to review his department's policy on the provision of Irish language classes to children with an autism diagnosis in their main learning environment, specifically the non provision of the subject to children in a school (details supplied) that attend a class for those with an autism diagnosis; his views on whether this is discriminatory, exclusionary and not equality based education when a child with ASD cannot access the primary school curriculum to the same degree as their mainstream peers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52017/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the shortage of primary school and secondary school places for children in the County Wexford catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52005/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on to teachers' claims that there is inadequate time to deliver the junior cycle syllabus to pupils. — Billy Kelleher. [51896/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to facilitate requests for consultation talks with survivors of residential industrial schools in order to develop a survivor lead strategy to provide support for those survivors that are looking for more help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [51991/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the school building programme with particular reference to the demographics and the need to ensure adequate classroom accommodation for the future in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52007/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a site will be purchased to accommodate the three school campus in Bunrana, County Donegal; the timeframe of works to ensure that this school campus is completed as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [51808/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for the completion of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52003/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to reconsider the recent cuts in learning support and resource allocation to a school (details supplied) which has meant that the school has effectively lost the services of a full time teacher in this area; his views on he impact that

this has had on the school, the staff and the pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52008/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure an investigation takes place into bullying concerns raised by current and former staff members of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. — Thomas Byrne. [51818/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the memorandum of understanding between his department and local authorities with regard to site acquisitions for new school builds includes provisions relating to the necessity for the identification of sites for temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51814/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the scheme as identified as necessary by NUIG's gender task force to address the gender imbalance among administrative staff grades will be implemented; the reason for the delay in its implementation; the number and grade of persons tasked with its formulation and implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52018/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he expects the process surrounding the application made by a school (details supplied) for a proposed building project to be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51815/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he plans to put in place to address substitute teacher shortages. — Thomas Byrne. [51817/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the implementation of the school transport review; the actions he will take in implementing the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51987/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase co-operation on a north south basis in the further and higher education sectors. — Brendan Smith. [51806/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has had discussions with an organisation (details supplied) in view of the delays in registering teachers. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [51977/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the shortage teachers training to teach STEM subjects and the difficulties in encouraging qualified graduates to pursue a career in teaching these subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51810/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if PLC education in Dublin 15 will be provided; his plans to make sufficient PLC places available to persons in Dublin 15 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51812/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the proportion of Solas funding for further education to be performance based in the future. — Barry Cowen. [51899/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeframe for his department to advise schools that applied to the minor works grant scheme in 2017; when the grants will be issued in order to ensure that vital repairs and upgrades can proceed in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51811/17]



69. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce a new guarantee in order to ensure no child loses their place on board a school bus if they had been allocated a concessionary seat in either junior infants or first year of secondary school. — Timmy Dooley. [51895/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress that has been made to locate a temporary premises for a school (details supplied); and if this issue will be addressed in time in order to ensure that the school can open in September 2018. — Clare Daly. [51988/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce a module on animal welfare and responsible pet ownership into the primary school curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [51917/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he will take to address the fact that new apprenticeships registrations are running 67% behind target in 2017. — Niall Collins. [51901/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when primary schools will be notified of a payment date for funding under the minor works grant scheme. — Thomas Byrne. [51821/17]

74. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress being made to introduce a new in school speech and language therapy service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51903/17]

75. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of rebuilding works at a school (details supplied) that were due to commence in 2016 and have now been deferred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51813/17]

76. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will progress plans to ensure equal access to education for all pupils independent of their religion; his views on whether the repeal of section 7(3)(c) of the Equal Status Act 2000 is necessary to ensure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52015/17]

77. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to prevent school bullying with particular reference to the use of social media, in the classroom or outside, on or off school precincts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52006/17]

78. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he has taken to address the problems facing eligible children that were not allocated a seat on a school transport service due to services being oversubscribed; his plans for a grant towards the cost of private transport arrangements for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52010/17]

79. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which students with dyspraxia development co-ordination disorder are supported in classrooms in primary, secondary and third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [51816/17]

80. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the conveyancing process in relation to the transfer of the land for a school (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52004/17]

81. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a recent claim that education authorities do not want to draw attention to the volume of upgrades in the Leaving Certificate in view of the fact that it could undermine public confidence in State exams. — Thomas Byrne. [51820/17]

82. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) can expect to have their school building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52013/17]

83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he envisages ensuring equal access to education in view of the derogation in equality legislation that allows schools to offer a place to a child of one religion over another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52011/17]

84. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortages in the provision of substitute teachers in second level schools; if his attention has been further drawn to the difficulties experienced by principals in securing suitably trained and qualified substitute teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [51809/17]

85. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when approval for stage 2B will issue for a project (details supplied); if funding is in place for this project in view of the fact that the brief change documentation has been submitted to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [51904/17]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*86. To ask the Taoiseach if he has written to all of the EU 27 prime ministers seeking support in the Brexit negotiations. — Micheál Martin. [51997/17]

\*87. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the commitment in his department's strategy statement to implement 25 actions in the civil service renewal plan including HR capability and strengthening performance management and accountability; the way in which this is being achieved; and the position regarding same. — Micheál Martin. [52097/17]

\*88. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the commitment in the programme for government regarding completing a core structural review of decision making arrangements across the common areas of security and defence; and the progress to date in relation to same. — Micheál Martin. [52099/17]

\*89. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that has responsibility for equality and inclusiveness. — Micheál Martin. [52100/17]

\*90. To ask the Taoiseach the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52229/17]

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

\*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if officials in his department have given him an update on progressing improvements for the undocumented Irish in the United States of America. — Micheál Martin. [52098/17]

\*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports and passport cards issued in each month to date in 2017; the amount raised from the issuing of these passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52127/17]

\*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the circumstances in which the Israeli prime minister invited himself to the upcoming European Summit and if the Palestinian representative will also be invited; and his plans to raise with the Israeli prime minister the human rights abuses, breaches of international laws, illegal occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, the Syrian Golan Heights and illegal extraction and theft of Syrian oil from the Syrian Golan Heights. — Clare Daly. [52175/17]

\*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52223/17]

\*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress made to date in Brexit talks in ensuring that there will be no diminution in the working or potential of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52291/17]

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

\*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the costs that will apply to the establishment of the infrastructure and specialist staff to manage the escrow fund which will hold the €13 billion which the EU Commission have directed Ireland to collect from a company (details supplied) in lieu of their calculation of tax owing to Ireland by the company subject to an ongoing appeal in the European Courts; the budget that has been set aside for this within the Finance budget vote for 2018; the reason the existing infrastructure of the NTMA is not being used for this purpose; the extent to which the company has designed the process being followed by his department heretofore; if the costs of this infrastructure and specialist staff being met by the company or the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52094/17]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to change the law in respect of the 25% maximum tax free lump sum drawdown of certain pension schemes before 75 years of age; the rules in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [52171/17]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52222/17]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company is permitted to scale up beyond the SME headcount level of 250 employees and remain eligible for the scheme under the criteria laid down by the Finance Bill 2017. — Niall Collins. [52282/17]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if borrowers are entitled to be informed if a transfer of a loan takes place; if a physical transfer paper trail in keeping with the Central Bank code of transfers for mortgages needs to be maintained in line with section 8(h) of the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003, which provides that consent of the data subject is required for a transfer of data; if he has satisfied himself that these rules are being adhered to by banks dealing with mortgages that are in arrears of have been foreclosed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52292/17]

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

\*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is an offence under the Employment Equality Acts 1998 to 2015 in relation to terms and conditions of employment on the ground of disability to oblige disabled civil servants be members of the 1984 spouses and children's superannuation scheme, in view of the fact that some disabled civil servants due to physical disability or psychiatric ill health lack the capacity for marriage either during their career or in their retirement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52089/17]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52227/17]

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

\*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 131 of 25 October 2017, if his attention has been drawn to the 2016 report of the appeals officer of Caranua; if so, the differences in the numbers of appeals granted by the former appeals officer compared with the new appeals officers; if such a difference exists, the reason therefor; his plans to review the decisions of the former appeals officer to ensure that those decisions were fair and reasonable in all circumstances; the date on which the report will be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52203/17]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a minor works grant by a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [52074/17]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the selection of a site for the new Wexford campus of IT Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52086/17]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the recent collapse in the sale of lands for a new Wexford campus of IT Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52087/17]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take to prioritise selection of a new site to develop a new Wexford campus of IT Carlow in view of the collapsed deal to purchase lands for a Wexford campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52088/17]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the shortage of science and technology teachers will dilute the government's ambition for Ireland to become a European leader in STEM subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [52092/17]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the problems experienced by parents dropping their children to a school (details supplied) regarding the lack of parking and drop off facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52103/17]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) will be relocated to permanent accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52104/17]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines or department policy regarding the voluntary contributions that many schools now request from parents of students as a matter of course; his views on the pressure that this puts on many families that are struggling to make ends meet; his further views on the fact that schools need to do this due to the fact that State funding falls short of school needs in many areas; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52105/17]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the payment of minor works grants 2017 to 2018 to schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [52106/17]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) is entitled to compensation after years of abuse in an industrial school. — Niamh Smyth. [52117/17]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his department was notified that the preferred contractor was withdrawing its tender for a new school (details supplied); if a reason for withdrawing was given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52118/17]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if tenders supplied for construction of a new school (details supplied) in 2016 and 2017 now remain valid; if not, when a new tendering process will commence; the length of time a new tender process will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52119/17]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons that have applied to Caranua for support; the number of applications have been granted each year since its establishment to date in 2017; the number and value of awards given in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [52125/17]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the minor works grant for a school (details supplied) in County Louth; if the grant has been authorised for 2017; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52137/17]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the minor works grant is being paid to primary schools; and if so, when payment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [52140/17]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the minor works grant will be issued to national schools in the Dublin north bay area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52145/17]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the permanent school building for a school (details supplied) will begin construction; the timeframe for completion of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52147/17]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a minor works grant for a school (details supplied) will be paid; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the non payment of these grants in November causes financial difficulties for schools generally; the reason the payment of these grants is held over until the new year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52167/17]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a minor works grant for a school (details supplied) will be paid; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the non payment of these grants in November causes financial difficulties for schools generally; the reason the payment of these grants is held over until the new year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52168/17]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52220/17]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the minor works grant will be paid to a school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [52246/17]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delay in schools receiving the minor works grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [52247/17]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which adequate primary school places exist or are required at Sallins, County Kildare; the proposed programme to address issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52281/17]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when payments will issue under the minor works grant scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many schools are in need of such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52285/17]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the inadequate stream of third level graduates to meet the demands of the workplace with particular reference to the medical professions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52297/17]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which an adequate supply of teachers can be found to fill temporary posts at primary and second level schools throughout the country; if specific intervention is required to address the issue having regard to the situation as reported to his department by particular schools throughout the country and in particular County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52298/17]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the provision of a gaelcholáiste in north County Kildare; the extent to which plans are proceeding as expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52299/17]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which primary and second level school place requirements are being met in Kilcock, County Kildare; the extent to which further provision is required in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52300/17]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which primary and second level school place requirements are being met in Clane, County Kildare; the extent to which further provision is required in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52301/17]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which primary and second level school place requirements are being met in Maynooth, County Kildare; the extent to which further provision is required in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52302/17]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which primary and second level school place requirements continue be met in Naas, County Kildare; the extent to which progress can be reported in respect of the plans for a school (details supplied); the extent to which his department has evaluated further requirements in the area; his plans to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52303/17]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which his department continues to assess primary and second level school place requirements in Celbridge, County Kildare; if adequate provision is being made for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52304/17]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if extra funding will be provided under the summer works project or otherwise to deal with outstanding issues of upgrading or maintenance with particular reference to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52305/17]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding to the provision of extra or replacement facilities on the present site or elsewhere in respect of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52306/17]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the revised proposals by school authorities in respect of a school (details supplied) in view of the fact that the costs of the project have been dramatically reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52307/17]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which special needs school places are readily available at primary and second level throughout the country at appropriate locations to ensure the availability of such places within reason for children seeking the facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52308/17]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which class sizes and pupil teacher ratios continue to improve arising from the steps taken over the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52309/17]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which facilities for children with autism or Asperger's syndrome continue to remain available and accessible at primary and second level throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52310/17]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects to be in a position to improve the career guidance service throughout second level education; if he anticipates improvement in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52311/17]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which the school building programme at primary and second level in County Kildare continues to proceed as planned having particular regard to the urgent requirement of school places; the extent to which slower than expected progress has been noted in respect of a particular school; the action proposed to deal with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52312/17]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects the education system at all levels to be in a position to meet the skills demand in the workplace; the extent to which apprenticeships are likely to impact on the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52314/17]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills indicate the extent to which he remains confident regarding the adequacy of provisions in respect of school places, teachers and academic staff at primary, secondary and third level throughout the country; the extent to which potential deficiencies have been provided and are likely to be provided for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52315/17]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in respect of the school building programme at primary and secondary level throughout the country with particular reference to the need to meet demographic pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52316/17]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which third level education requires ongoing assessment and updating in line with best practice internationally in order to ensure the ability of graduates to compete internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52317/17]

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

\*148. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeframe for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52150/17]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the next Garda recruits will be assigned to Garda divisions; if the particular policing requirements of border divisions such as Cavan and Monaghan will be given detailed and favourable consideration in the assignment of personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52206/17]



\*150. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the public service pension reduction is payable by members of An Garda Síochána that have worked their full years service and continue to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [52096/17]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is an index linking to current pay rates for retired members of An Garda Síochána on pensions in relation to recent national pay agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [52101/17]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding pensions paid to retired members of An Garda Síochána and the impact of recent pay agreements on those below pensions of €32,500 and above €32,500, respectively; if his attention has been drawn to the financial difficulties of persons on the lower fixed pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [52102/17]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his department has sworn an affidavit of discovery for the purpose of the Disclosures Tribunal; if so, if that affidavit contains a claim of legal professional privilege over documents generated in 2014, 2015 and 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52136/17]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to reduce the local financial contribution that is needed to provide and maintain community based CCTV schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52205/17]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason a person (details supplied) that has lived here since the age of nine and has a number of naturalised siblings is still be waiting for a decision on their application for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52209/17]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52226/17]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the families of 320 victims reviewed under the independent review mechanism that commenced in July 2014 will receive their reports prepared by council in view of a promise of transparency in his department. — Bríd Smith. [52237/17]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the performance measures used by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52293/17]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the outcome of the GRACE programme within An Garda Síochána; the aspects of this programme that remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52294/17]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress report on each of the 81 recommendations made by the Garda Inspectorate in their eleventh report, Changing Policing in Ireland; the timeframe for the implementation of the recommendation if it is ongoing; the reason the recommendation has not been implemented, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52295/17]

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

\*161. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress to date in determination of a work permit application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52169/17]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the expenditure by her department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52215/17]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to parliamentary question number 50 of 16 November 2017, if the details requested have been compiled; and when this information will be available in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [52283/17]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the Statutory Audits Bill 2017 is proportionate on small and micro sized businesses (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [52284/17]

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

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which speech and language therapy continues to be available to pupils with a specific requirement in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52313/17]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 177 of 7 December 2016, if he plans to bring back the motorised transport grant following on from a review committee set up in 2013; if so, when; the conditions that will be attached to the grant; if the primary legislation has been drafted; and if the policy proposals have been brought to the government. — Anne Rabbitte. [52075/17]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Monaghan that are on a waiting list for occupational therapy; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; the number of occupational therapists employed by the HSE in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [52076/17]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Cavan that are on a waiting list for occupational therapy; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; the number of occupational therapists employed by the HSE in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [52077/17]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment with the pain clinic in university hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [52079/17]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the Roscommon service review's 27 recommendations that have been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52080/17]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to provide more home help hours for a person (details supplied). — James Browne. [52082/17]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to alter the fair deal scheme's indefinite valuation of a farmer's land in assessing the deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52085/17]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [52112/17]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to persons with an eating disorder including residential care and emergency care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52113/17]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health if financial support is available for a person (details supplied) for the purchase of a mobility scooter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52114/17]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a dispensing general practitioner (details supplied) that services over 470 persons on the GMS in a rural Sligo and Leitrim area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52115/17]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health if the practical home help and personal care service will continue to be available to persons aged under 65 years of age that suffer from chronic illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52130/17]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health if he received a petition requesting him to establish a general practitioner out of hours service for north Wicklow; if progress has been made on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52131/17]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the supply of prosthetics for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52133/17]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to address the dangerous overcrowding levels in university hospital Limerick; and his plans to open additional beds in Limerick city to address the number of persons on trolleys. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52134/17]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Tipperary jigsaw project which was offered support in the past 12 months by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52144/17]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the final reports on the two audits of Our Lady's hospice, Harold's Cross carried out by the HSE in 2015 to be published. — Clare Daly. [52151/17]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the reason copy of a court maintenance order will not suffice as proof of maintenance agreement and a letter from ex partner is being pursued in the case of a person (details supplied) applying for a medical card; the other documentation outstanding in this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52170/17]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no formal procedures to ensure that decisions taken by the HSE drugs group are appropriately communicated to relevant stakeholders; his plans to address this in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52183/17]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to undertake a full review of the implementation of the national rare disease plan 2014 to 2018; if the reality that there is an increasing number of rare and ultra rare medicines due to come onto the market due to the advancements in medicine will be taken into account; his further plans to reform the reimbursement process for rare and ultra rare medicines to ensure that persons are in a position to receive drugs which receive approval from the EMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52184/17]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52186/17]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that general practitioners that are providing a much needed dispensing service to elderly and marginalised persons in rural areas were not informed of their respective annual dispensing figures until 2017 by the primary care reimbursement service (PCRS); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that were not informed of their right of appeal in cases in which termination of contract notices were issued at short notice by PCRS based on new performance requirements set by it; his plans to review the flawed methodology used by PCRS to determine performance requirements having regard to the fact that blister high tech drugs and new oral anti coagulants which are the more expensive drugs cannot be dispensed by general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52187/17]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 271 and 272 of 17 October 2017, if the one health approach to tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR) encompassing all sectors means that the current and evolving risk of AMR contamination associated with urban gulls will be monitored and addressed by the recently established National Interdepartmental AMR Consultative Committee in view of the launch of iNAP on 25 October 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52188/17]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health if such current and emerging associations (details supplied) will be monitored and addressed by the recently established national interdepartmental AMR consultative committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [52189/17]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52190/17]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health when the 96 bed extension to university hospital Limerick will be started and completed. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52191/17]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 163 of 8 November 2017, the reason the three paediatric hospitals do not keep data on inpatients by category of admission, for example data on the number of young children and teenagers being treated for anorexia as inpatients in paediatric hospitals, in view of the fact that such data is crucial for directing resources appropriately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52207/17]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 163 of 8 November 2017, if historical data on the number of children and teenagers treated for anorexia as inpatients in

paediatric hospitals is retained; and if so, the data for the years 2010 and to date in 2017. — Clare Daly. [52208/17]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52224/17]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 271 and 272 of 17 October 2017, if the one health approach to tackling antimicrobial resistance encompassing all sectors means that the current and evolving risk of AMR contamination associated with urban gulls will be monitored and addressed by the recently established national interdepartmental AMR consultative committee in view of the launch of iNAP on 25 October 2017. — Clare Daly. [52231/17]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to recent European scientific studies (details supplied); and if the emerging association between urban gulls with carbapenemase producing enterobacteriaceae noted in those studies will be monitored and addressed by the recently established national interdepartmental AMR consultative committee. — Clare Daly. [52232/17]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to recent studies (details supplied); and his views on the findings in regard to antimicrobial resistance. — Clare Daly. [52233/17]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to recent international scientific studies (details supplied); and his views on the findings in regard to antimicrobial resistance. — Clare Daly. [52234/17]

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

\*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 361 of 14 November 2017, if his department, the SFPA or the Naval Service intervened or gave advice in relation to the trawler seen in Wexford Harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52083/17]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his recent trade mission to the Far East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52128/17]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is an appeal process available to persons in relation to the minimum amount of land which an applicant owns and farms to qualify for payment under the basic payment scheme; if he will consider the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [52185/17]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied) for a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52210/17]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure that the BPS payments due to a person (details supplied) who transferred some of their entitlements

to another person has their payments paid out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [52211/17]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52214/17]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the EU auditor conducted inspections on lands here during 2017; if so, the county and land type audited, for example privately owned land or commonage land, hill type land or low land, tillage or grazed land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [52286/17]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the failures identified by the EU Auditors or EU Commission in relation to the implementation of land eligibility from 2015 to 2017; if so, if he will provide the communications advising him of such failures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [52287/17]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if failures have been identified by the EU Auditor in relation to land eligibility; if these failures relate to agricultural activity or the inclusion of hard features such as rock, scrub, lakes and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [52288/17]

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

\*208. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of post office closures in each year since 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [52091/17]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the lack of fibre broadband connection for a school (details supplied); when he expects the school to be connected to the fibre broadband system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52107/17]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will clarify on the new guidelines for recycling household waste; if private waste collection firms are compelled to implement the new guidelines; the way in which the new guidelines will ensure uniformity in terms of household recycling; if there are penalties for households that breach the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [52111/17]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on when he last met the CEO and chairperson of a station (details supplied); the issues discussed; when he will next meet the CEO and chairperson; if he will report on when he last met the Director General and Chairperson of RTÉ; the issues discussed; when the next meeting is planned for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52126/17]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to parliamentary question number 484 of 16 December 2016, the uptake of the warmth and well being pilot scheme in CHO7; his plans to extend this scheme beyond CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52141/17]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which costs will be borne for the new smart metering programme proposed for both gas and electricity supply; if costs be placed on customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [52142/17]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment timeframe for connection to a new fibre line for broadband for a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [52143/17]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to concerns by music lovers here regarding the ongoing downgrading and shrinking of the RTÉ orchestras; his plans to preserve the orchestras and bring them up to the full staffing level required (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [52149/17]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52217/17]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52243/17]

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

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to make funding available to groups whose applications were invalidated due to minor technicalities that can easily be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52081/17]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the funding for traffic calming at Kilcornan in County, Limerick on the N69 will be approved; when the requested traffic calming scheme will be designed and put in place at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52095/17]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to address the safety concerns on the N2 road between Ardee and Castleblayney; the status of funding that was made available for safety upgrades; the works carried out to date; the further works that are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52138/17]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of parking spaces available; the number of annual parking permits being made available for sale for each station; the carpark occupancy rates at each station, for each of the train stations in north County Kildare (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52172/17]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the purchase of an annual parking permit at the commuter railway stations includes an implicit guarantee of spaces being available; if not, if there is compensation or a redress mechanism in place if a person with such a ticket is unable

to use it due to a lack of capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52173/17]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration has been given to reserving a particular set of parking spaces for holders of annual parking permits within each high demand commuter railway station as a means to ensure spaces for those persons that have invested in and paid up front for such a space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52174/17]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which his department interacts with the private sector to obtain tourism statistics; if there is a continuous flow of information from the private sector to his department in relation to tourism statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52176/17]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the efforts being made in Dublin to ensure that tourism is seen as a positive and not a negative force as has been the case in some European cities in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52177/17]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the figures and statistics available, by county in relation to tourism; if there is a regular update of these statistics by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52178/17]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount by which tourism funding has been cut since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52179/17]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the efforts being made to halt the decline of British tourism here which has increased with the onset of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52180/17]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to stop price gouging in the tourism industry especially with regard to hotel rooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52181/17]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a club was unsuccessful in the 2017 sports capital scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52182/17]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a club (details supplied) was unsuccessful in its application for funding under the sports capital programme scheme in view of the fact that this club is in an area of disadvantage and had a 20 year lease on the premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [52213/17]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52230/17]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 41 of 22 November 2017, if this makes it easier for a company (details supplied) to carry troops, weapons and ammunition by allowing him to give blanket approval, instead of having



to approve each individual flight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52289/17]

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

\*234. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his plans to assess the possibility of allowing pre schools that are registered with her department and that operate the early childhood care and education scheme access her department's group insurance scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [52139/17]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 47 of 28 November 2017, if she will report to Dáil Éireann on the findings of the study co funded by her department on food access and nutritional health among families living in hotel accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52160/17]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding support her department can offer to a community organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52204/17]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the expenditure by her department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52216/17]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52244/17]

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

\*239. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52228/17]

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

\*240. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated daily cost of rent supplement payments in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52155/17]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [52078/17]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her department regularly carries out information technology security audits; and if so, the regularity with which they are undertaken. — Clare Daly. [52108/17]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the security of communications between her department's central servers and local offices is regularly audited; and if so, the frequency with which such audits are carried out. — Clare Daly. [52109/17]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 487 of 29 November 2017, the transmission and security protocols used to transmit data across her department's network. — Clare Daly. [52110/17]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied); if this appointment will be expedited in view of the particular circumstances in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52146/17]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the expenditure by her department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52221/17]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the basis on which an overpayment of child benefit occurred in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52235/17]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52245/17]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [52248/17]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the State has not to date ratified article 31 of the revised European Social Charter; if steps will now be taken to ratify article 31 in view of correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52296/17]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she will take to deal with an anomaly which arose in respect of career's allowance in the case of a person (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [52318/17]

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

\*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the examination on the right to housing which was referred to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52154/17]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to issue revised rural housing guidelines to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [52090/17]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decision RL2969. — Timmy Dooley. [52122/17]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the legal status of turbarry rights; his views on whether they should be protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [52123/17]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason RTB funding was not awarded to County Wicklow in 2015, 2016 and 2017; his views on the fact that such funding was not granted in view of the fact that it was granted in previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52132/17]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to review the tenant purchase scheme in terms of the way in which it relates to rural cottages in cases which the dwelling was built on family land by a local authority and the tenant is in a position to purchase yet is prevented from doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [52135/17]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the report that his department has on house building costs will be published; if this report will be presented to Dáil Éireann in January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52148/17]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will implement a local government direct contact email address for members of the Oireachtas (details supplied) in view of the fact that many members have questions in relation to housing and homelessness and the difficulty of getting comprehensive and timely information from local authority management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52152/17]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to bring forward legislation for a referendum to enshrine the right to housing in the constitution; if so, the timeframe for same; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52153/17]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated daily cost of HAP and RAS payments in 2018; the equivalent daily investment being put into building permanent homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52155/17]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a cost benefit analysis has been undertaken to compare the cost of HAP, RAS and rent supplement in 2018 and the cost of building permanent homes; the rationale for continuing high spending in the private rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52156/17]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has met with a group (details supplied); if he is examining this model of providing affordable housing; his views on reports by it that the costs of construction are lower than that which is reported by the construction for profit industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52157/17]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the remaining 690 families living in hotel rooms will be moved into secure and appropriate housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52158/17]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to meet with the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to discuss his department's policy and procedural guidance for housing authorities in relation to assisting victims of domestic violence with emergency and long term accommodation needs and the way in which the guidelines are not being applied consistently across local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52159/17]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52225/17]

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

\*267. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to support Traveller culture and heritage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52129/17]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she will take to complete restoration of the Royal Canal from Dublin to Clondra in view of the fact that the only part of same which has not been completed to date is the spur link of the canal into Longford town; if it will be completed; if adequate resources will be allocated to achieve this objective in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [52212/17]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the expenditure by her department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52218/17]

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

\*270. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if a matter (details supplied) is being expedited. — Sean Sherlock. [52093/17]

\*271. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the expenditure by his department by heading (details supplied) in each of the years since June 1997 to January 2011, in tabular form; and the miscellaneous expenditure not relating to set department budgets pertaining to the headings. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52219/17]

\*272. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Army Reserve training centre in County Cavan will be retained; if there will be no change to its status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52238/17]

\*273. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if all the Army Reserve training centres in the 2 Brigade region will be retained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52239/17]

\*274. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the presence of the Army Reserve training centre in County Cavan is essential in ensuring

capacity building in this force; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact the this force is extremely active locally and has recently completed a successful recruitment campaign in Counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52240/17]

\*275. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will ensure that there is no diminution in the status of the Army Reserve centre in County Cavan in view of the importance of the Army Reserve in contributing to the capability of the Defence Forces and retaining a link with local communities which is essential to recruitment and capacity building in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52241/17]

\*276. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to improve the pay, allowances and conditions for members of the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52242/17]

\*277. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of uniformed personnel in all branches of the Defence Forces; the numbers in Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, respectively; and the ratio of commissioned officers to rank and file members across the three branches. — Sean Sherlock. [52249/17]

\*278. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the purpose of the account holders allowance; the number of recipients of this allowance; and if those that receive this allowance actually physically carry out the duties assigned to this role. — Sean Sherlock. [52250/17]

\*279. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if duty moneys owed to members of the Defence Forces are being paid in a timely manner; if protocol exists to ensure no delays in payments of moneys due; and if staffing constraints exist that would delay payments due. — Sean Sherlock. [52251/17]

\*280. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the difference in pay for private soldiers with years accrued compared with pay for lieutenants recently graduated from cadet school; and the reason for such wage anomalies. — Sean Sherlock. [52252/17]

\*281. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of cadets that graduated in each of the past five years; the initial posting of each; and the number of Defence Forces personnel under their remit. — Sean Sherlock. [52253/17]

\*282. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of overseas appointments being filled by NCOs; the number of overseas appointments now filled by officers; when these appointments were made; and the location of each. — Sean Sherlock. [52254/17]

\*283. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has examined the Portlaoise allowance and its true value after tax. — Sean Sherlock. [52255/17]

\*284. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the regulations in place for Defence Forces days in lieu. — Sean Sherlock. [52256/17]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I  
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 7 NOLLAIG, 2017  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 2017**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure no more deaths occur among homeless and rough sleepers; and his further plans to reopen a location (details supplied) or similar in order to ensure there are no more fatalities during in winter 2017. — Bríd Smith. [52274/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of households on local authority housing waiting lists at the end of November 2017 or October 2017 in the event November's statistics are not available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [52066/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to the announcement by the Minister for Finance of the creation of Home Building Finance Ireland (HBFI), if his department has engaged with the Department of Finance regarding HBFI; the role he envisages his department playing with regard to HBFI; if he has satisfied himself that HBFI will bring the required funding into the area of residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52273/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of income eligibility limits for social housing will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52195/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the weekly actions he undertakes to put an end to child homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [49916/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the increase in student accommodation is addressing the homeless situation and the housing lists particularly in Dublin. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [52064/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the initiatives planned in 2018 to increase the number of homes available for persons saving for a housing deposit that wish to purchase a home but that are presently unable to afford to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52264/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of expected new housing starts anticipated by the end of 2017; the number of such houses for families on local authority housing waiting lists; the extent to which he expects the lists to improve over the next twelve months; the extent to which the problem of homelessness can be dealt with within that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52279/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to publish the review of the tenant incremental purchase scheme; the changes he plans to make to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [52200/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of real social houses delivered to date in 2017 by scheme including council new build, council acquisition, council part V, council returned void, AHB new build, AHB acquisition, AHB part V, and AHB returned void. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52163/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of HAP tenancies created to date in 2017 throughout the country; the number of HAP tenancies created to date in 2017 in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52269/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the possible redesignation of approved housing bodies by Eurostat and the CSO; the contingency plans in place to deal with this in order to meet his social housing targets; and his further plans to assist approved housing bodies secure land in order to meet their social housing targets as per Rebuilding Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52162/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which Rebuilding Ireland plans to address the commodification and financialisation of housing; and his view on whether the reliance on acquisitions and leasing from the private market to supply a significant share of social housing will continue this trend. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [52063/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding a previous commitment (details supplied) to implement emergency measures to rehouse homeowners affected by the defective blocks issue that are concerned for their own and families’ safety; his plans to address the issue of affected homeowners having a mortgage when determining eligibility for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52069/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action that will be taken to reduce the number of stages of approval that local authority housing schemes must go through within his department. — Brian Stanley. [52072/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria he plans to establish regarding affordability in LIHAF funded developments and on publicly owned land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52267/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties acquired by the 31 local authorities to date in 2017; the number that are vacant at present; the average vacancy time for local authority acquisitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52272/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to bring forward changes to the law on ending a tenancy or increasing rent on the grounds of refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52257/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if plans have been drawn up or considered to reinstate certain former borough and town councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [52276/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce a pilot scheme using the cost rental model developed by an organisation (details supplied) on one

or more of the sites owned by local authorities in consultation with the relevant local authority and local residents groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [52067/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a policy of using public land to build public housing as opposed to private development on public land will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52258/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the local authority in County Wexford will only directly build three social houses in 2017; if he has satisfied himself with the rate of building of social housing by all 31 local authorities, if his department will consider releasing extra funding to the local authorities specifically for the direct building of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52271/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will appoint a director for Housing First; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [52068/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has met with Fingal county council on the delivery of public housing. — Ruth Coppinger. [52261/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to resolve the difficulties brought to his attention regrading the manner in which in-fill testing is being conducted by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [52265/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has given direction to Dublin city council as to which arrangements could be considered optimal in relation to the provision of affordable housing after the finalisation of the commercial agreement for the Poolbeg SDZ. — Eamon Ryan. [52263/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has satisfied himself that local government is sufficiently monitoring fire safety in buildings around the country to ensure that they are compliant with fire safety standards and requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [52166/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his department has proposals to bring forward and accelerate the construction of local authority housing. — Brian Stanley. [52071/17]

29. 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. [52196/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his department has conducted a cost benefit analysis of the HAP scheme in its current form; if so, the details of the analysis; if he has satisfied himself that the HAP scheme is helping to solve the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [52270/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he plans to prepare and publish a plan or nationwide scheme to assist homeowners in the carrying out of remedial



works to defective housing units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [52278/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on expressions of concern by a group (details supplied) at a hearing of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government on the underfunding of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [52277/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of his department's inquiry into allegations of planning corruption in County Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52161/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the national planning framework; the way in which towns and regions will be selected for development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [47233/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if, a year after it was introduced in Dáil Éireann, he will review the legislative base for rent pressure zones in particular the tight criteria for qualification which excludes many parts of the country in which rents have increased substantially in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [52065/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress of his department's engagement with the Eurostat investigation in respect of the credit union investments in social housing and lending to approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [50875/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the opening of emergency winter beds for persons that are on street homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [52260/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeframe for the proposal to fast tract planning for data centres. — Michael Harty. [50381/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the local authority housing construction programme will be made more transparent; if he will include expected completion dates with all schemes which would result in clearly identifying the schemes that will be completed in 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52192/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the very low number of properties being offered across the four Dublin local authority areas for the repair and leasing scheme; his plans for changes to the repair and leasing scheme to increase the supply of offers in the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [52193/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he has included lands currently administered by the Department of Defence in his review of publicly owned land that could be utilised for housing; and if he has had discussions with the Minister for Defence in relation to the long term optimal use of these sites. — Eamon Ryan. [52262/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 1358 of 7 November 2017, if he will reconcile the data on voids contained therein and in the 2016 NOAC report; and if an assurance will be provided that there is no double counting of regular voids and long term voids in his annual social housing output figures for 2014 to 2017. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52165/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to a commitment given by an Taoiseach on 21 November 2017 that the report on defective blocks will be discussed at Cabinet before Christmas 2017, the position regarding the nature of the report he plans to bring to Cabinet before Christmas; if he will bring specific proposals to Cabinet; if the Cabinet will be discussing and asked to agree on the principal of establishing a redress scheme; the date on which he will present the report to Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [52070/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the findings of the 2013 departmental review into shared ownership schemes; the reason the report was never published; the actions he took following the report; and the advice that is being given to councils dealing with distressed shared ownership mortgages. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52164/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the degree to which he expects to be in a position to meet the most urgent and pressing housing needs in the shortest possible time with particular reference to addressing the housing crisis; his views on whether he needs to invoke emergency legislation to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52280/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to take vacant properties into public ownership in view of the worsening homeless emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52268/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he will introduce measures to deal with the numbers of vacant homes here; when he will have accurate figures for same; and if extra funding will be made available for local authorities and approved housing bodies to acquire or compulsory purchase such units. — Bríd Smith. [52275/17]